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POPE'S XMAS EVE ALLOCATION WAS STERN CENSURE ON RULERS OF STATES: COMMENT IN BRITISH PRESS

THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

The offices of the Hongkong Daily Press will be closed on New Year's Day, but will re-open as usual on Tuesday. There will be no issue of the paper on Tuesday.

The next issue after the holidays will appear on Wednesday morning as usual.

Advertisers are kindly requested to send in their copy as early as possible on Saturday and Tuesday.

Contributors likewise are earnestly asked to co-operate by sending in their "copy" early on these two days.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

WAR MATERIALS PURCHASED IN AMERICA

Special to the H.K. Daily Press LONDON, Dec. 27 (Havas)—Mr. Arthur Purvis, member of the British Committee for purchasing war materials in the United States, stated that Britain is shortly purchasing important quantities of planes and other armaments.

Mr. Purvis added that he was most careful to eliminate the possibility of bidding between Britain and France.

Overbidding against other countries like Finland, Rumania and Sweden will also be avoided.

Financial Leaders In Chungking

CHUNGKING, December 27 (Central)—With the formal inauguration of the reorganised Joint Head Office of the four Government banks in Chungking, with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the director-general, the nation's foremost financial leaders are daily arriving in the wartime capital to assist in formulating China's wartime financial policy.

Among recent arrivals in Chungking, a latest survey reveals, were Mr. T. V. Soong, chairman of the Bank of China, Mr. Y. M. Chien, chairman of the Bank of Communications, Mr. Yen Chur-tong, general manager of the Farmers Bank of China, and Mr. Sung Han-chang, general manager of the Bank of China.

Both Mr. Yeh and Mr. Sung are veterans in Chinese banking, and are nearly 70 years of age. They called on the Generalissimo yesterday, and reported extensively on the nation's financial conditions.

Efforts Of Pontiff And President Roosevelt May Spare World More Misery

LONDON DEC. 27 (BRITISH WIRELESS)—THE POPE'S ALLOCATION TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS ON XMAS EVE RECEIVES CONSIDERABLE PROMINENCE AND APPRECIATIVE COMMENT IN THE BRITISH PRESS.

The Daily Telegraph says, "Many years have passed since there came from the Vatican so stern a censure on the Rulers of States and such direct and precise declarations on international policy. The effect of world opinion will be widespread and potent. Pius XII strove to the last to preserve the peace of Europe against Hitler's fury and, when Poland lay ravaged, he declared his faith in her resurrection and denounced the system of Hitlerism."

"Now his Christmas allocation opens with the condemnation of a 'series of acts incompatible with international law, natural law and the most elementary feelings of humanity.'"

"The atrocities on the bloodstained soil of Poland and Finland he boldly describes as acts which call for Divine vengeance."

The first of the Pope's five conditions for peace, justice and honour was that peace must assure the right of life and freedom of all nations, great and small, and for whatever has been destroyed there must be reparation.

"Thus, says the Daily Telegraph, 'the Head of the Roman Catholic Church tells his people in the Reich and others all over Europe and the world that the war must go on until atonement is made for the Fuehrer's crimes against humanity by German recognition of the wrong done in Czechoslovakia and Poland and Finland, and the establishment of their freedom.'"

ONLY POSSIBLE BASIS
The Daily Telegraph concludes, "There is no substantial difference between the general definition

APPOINTMENT FOR MR. K. P. CHEN

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27. (International)—Mr. K. P. Chen, who heads a Chinese economic mission in the United States, will shortly leave the United States for China, according to banking circles.

The banking expert will proceed direct to Chungking, where he may take up a government appointment. Mr. Chen has been for many years manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank.

678 HOLIDAY DEATHS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—At least 678 persons met with violent deaths in the United States during the Christmas holidays of which 438 were traffic victims.

BRITON RELEASED

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Information has reached in London that Mr. G. G. M. Vereker, M.C., Counsellor of the British Embassy in Moscow, who was taken prisoner by the Germans in the Baltic, has been released.

Reorganisation Of Nazi Propaganda Services In United States

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Havas)—It is reliably learned that Herr Theo Habicht, former Nazi District Chief in Austria before the Anschluss, has now been appointed State Under-Secretary at the Wilhelmstrasse with the main task of cleaning out and reorganising German propaganda services in the United States.

This German move is apparently due to the recent trial of Herr Fritz Kuhn, former leader of the German-American Nazi Bund, now in jail for embezzlement, and which was a hard blow for German propaganda.

It is believed that a "purge" of the German diplomatic and consular services in America will also be made.



POPE PIUS XII

POPE AIDS FINNISH RED CROSS

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—It is officially stated by the Vatican that the Pope has sent money to the Finnish Red Cross while the Swiss Federation has sent 100,000 Swiss francs to the Red Cross for use in Finland.

Two volunteer Red Cross corps are leaving Switzerland for the Finnish front.

POPE'S VISIT TO KING
LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Vatican City announces that when Pope Pius XII drives to the Quirinal tomorrow, to return the recent visit of the King and Queen of Italy to the Vatican, his suite will include Cardinals Magliocco and Granito Dibelmonte and a number of Roman Princes and other prelates holding high offices.

SUBSIDIARY COINS FOR H.K. LOST

BIG PREMIUM IN EXCHANGE SHOPS

It is reported that a large quantity of new subsidiary coins for Hongkong was lost when the vessel in which it was being conveyed to the Colony was sunk recently in European waters.

The amount involved, it is rumoured, is \$500,000 of ten cent coins and \$100,000 of five cent pieces. They were required to meet the unusual demand for subsidiary coins which is annually experienced here near Chinese New Year.

Confirmation from official quarters was unobtainable yesterday, but the report of the loss has had the effect of placing all subsidiary coins at a considerable premium in the exchange shops.

Between \$4 and \$5 is being charged as a premium for exchanging every \$100 worth in notes. The normal premium is about \$1 per \$100.

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VICTORIOUS CHINESE ADVANCE IN SUIYUAN: COUNTER-ATTACKS MOST SUCCESSFUL

Many Important Points Recaptured

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—According to Chinese reports, Chinese forces in Suiyuan, on Christmas Eve, broke through the Japanese lines and reached the suburbs of Kweisui, capital of Suiyuan, where fighting is going on.

After the occupation of Paotou by the Chinese on December 21, Japanese troops at Tachingshan rushed reinforcements to the town, but the detachments were ambushed by the Chinese.

The Japanese, supported by artillery and aircraft, are said to have launched a counter-attack on December 24, but are reported to have been driven back.

COUNTER-ATTACKS
In Kwangtung and Kwangsi, the Japanese are at present counter-attacking, Chinese dispatches state.

After the occupation of Chingai, to the north-west of Nanchang, by the Chinese, the Japanese forces at Fengin are said to have counter-attacked and recaptured Chingai city from the Chinese following street fighting. The Chinese are at present holding out in the hills to the south-west of the town.

THREE COLUMNS
In Kwangtung Japanese forces to the north of Canton are reported to be pushing northward in three columns in a counter-offensive. One column is advancing northward along the Canton-Hankow Railway towards Yuanfang and is stated to have crossed the Pa River on Sunday.

Another column is reported to be moving towards Tsungshua, to the east of the railway, while the third column is pushing towards Lungmoon to encircle Tsungshua from the north-east.

In South-East Shansi the Chinese claim the occupation of Lichen on December 23 and Tungsangkwan the following day.

FIGHTING CONTINUES
NANYANG, HONAN, Dec. 27 (Central)—Fighting in and around

ABOUT YOUR EYES

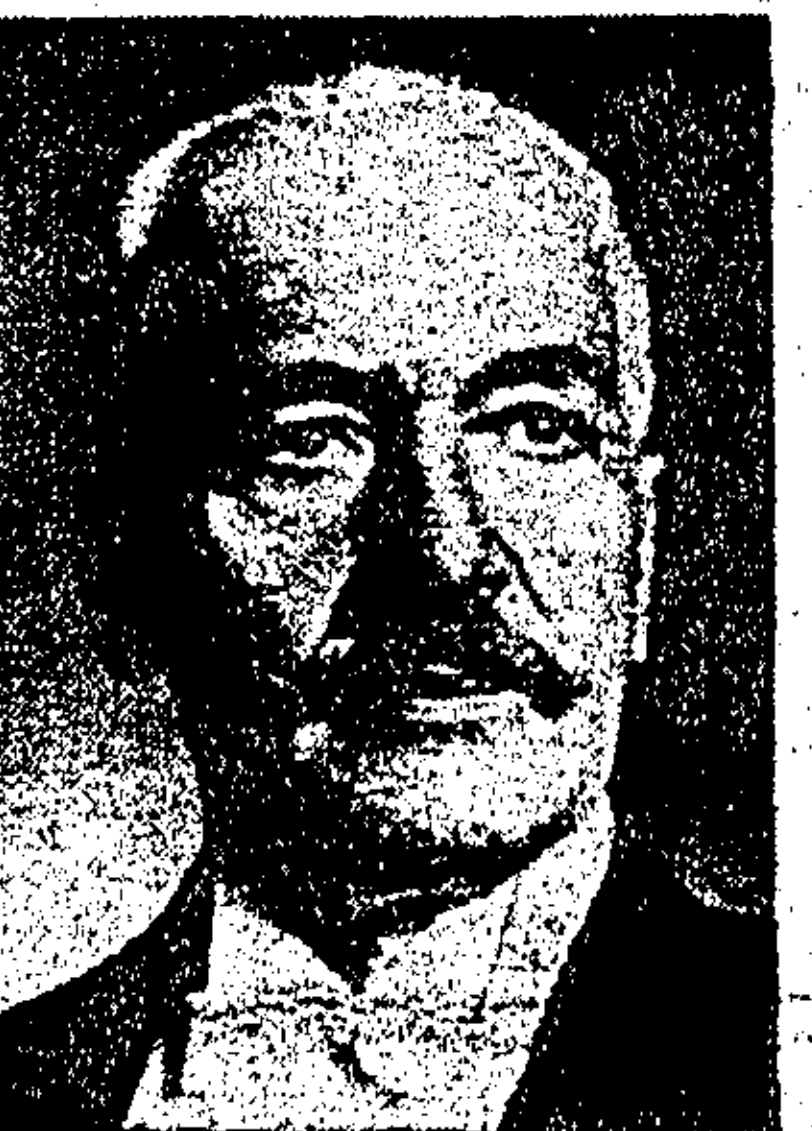
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ANGLO-SOVIET RELATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 27 (BWS)—There is no truth in the report that the British Ambassador in Moscow has been instructed to advise representatives of British firms in the U.S.S.R. to leave that country or that early diplomatic rupture in the relations between Britain and the U.S.S.R. is contemplated.

No change has occurred in the relations between Britain and Russia.



PRESIDENT MOSCICKI

Moscicki In Switzerland

Special to the H.K. Daily Press LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—FRIEBURG (SWITZERLAND), Dec. 27 (Havas)—The ex-Polish President, M. Moscicki, arrived this morning from Rumania.

It will be recalled that M. Moscicki was Professor of Chemistry at the Freiburg University for many years early in the present century when he was granted Swiss citizenship. According to Swiss law he is still a Swiss citizen.

World Told For First Time Who Is Really Ruling Japan: Tientsin Incident And U.S. Trade Treaty

WINNING WAR IS CONCERN OF ALL IN EMPIRE

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The arrival of the Australia Air Force squadron was commented on by the British press this morning, pointing out the great value of Australian help in the present war.

The Times says that the arrival underlines the warning given by Mr. R. G. Menzies, Premier of Australia, that the British Commonwealth is one people and winning the war is the concern of all in the Empire.

The paper adds that those in Germany, who are not wholly overshadowed by Hitlerism, see in the arrival of the Australians in writing on the wall.

The German aggression was based on two false ideas. One was that the Western nations were too dispirited to fight and the other that the British Empire was disintegrated.

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—A War communiqué states that there was nothing of importance to report during the night.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Commenting editorially upon the report from Washington that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horinouchi, stated that the Japanese Government cannot make concessions to America for the purpose of effecting a new trade treaty without consulting the Japanese military authorities in China, the China Press, an American daily states: "This is the first time that the Japanese Government has told the world that it is really the Japanese military authorities who are ruling Japan."

"Is the desire to be friendly with the United States the desire of the Japanese Government or their military authorities in China? Is it of lasting value for the United States to conclude a new treaty with Tokyo when their military authorities in China can momentarily upset the agreement by withdrawing approval and support?"

"The power of the military authorities was fully demonstrated in the Tientsin incident and the failure of the Tokyo Conference when the representative of the Japanese Army in North China walked out in a huff."

"The same pattern of events may happen in regard to American-Japanese negotiations. Mr. Horinouchi's candid statement merely prepared the mental outlook of the American Government and people."

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Nazi Plane Over Essex Came In From North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—An unidentified plane flew over a number of towns in Essex today and two other planes flew over the Suffolk coast. There was no air raid warning and no gunfire was heard.

The first plane was seen coming in from the North Sea near the Thames estuary flying at a great height. It was hardly visible to the naked eye and left a thin train of white smoke.

A few minutes later it flew over another Essex town flying towards the coast.

It is thought by observers on the coast to be a German reconnaissance machine.



SOCCER REVIEW

PORTUGAL'S GRAND SHOWING AGAINST CHINA: A. V. GOSANO MAN OF THE MATCH

Pryde Find Of Season: Return Of Bickford

BY "PILAT"

PORTUGAL'S DISPLAY AGAINST CHINA must have surprised even their most optimistic supporters and, with a little more luck, would have brought off the season's biggest upset in the Sunday Herald International charity cup match on Monday. Had the Portuguese shown better finishing power they might well have turned the tables on the Chinese.

The man of the match was, without a doubt, A. V. Gosano. His first-time tackling was chiefly instrumental in checking many a fine Chinese movement.

C. Marques and J. Alves formed a strong back division while R. Marques emerged from "retirement" to give one of the best exhibitions of goal-keeping in his career.

Bertie Gosano, ever an opportunist, proved an effective leader and was always a trier. Of the two flanks A. Alves and Pereira played with good understanding though Castilho showed good speed on the right.

Fung King-cheong's absence had a noticeable effect on the Chinese attack. Lai Shu-wing was absolutely off form and Chan Tak-fai, with "A.V." watching him closely, and without the scheming of Fung, lacked his usual dash.

Cheuk Shek-kam was a weak link in the forward line despite the fact that he had his club-mate, Chow Man-chi, as his inside partner.

Lee Tin-sung and Mak Shu-hon appeared to be shaken by the strong Portuguese opposition and soccer fans had the unusual sight of seeing Lee miskicking three times.

SLOW GAME

By virtue of their victory over England on Tuesday Scotland will supply the opposition to China in the final.

The game was played at a slow pace throughout, the only feature that delighted the small crowd, being the fine inter-passing of the Scottish inside trio, W. G. Pryde, Hossack and Ferrier.

Duncan was on his best form in between the sticks.

Williamson, centre-half, had the better of his duels with Fowler and for the first time discarded the role as a defensive pivot and, generally, gave a sound all-round display.

Pryde is undoubtedly the find of the season. Despite his inexperience and youth he showed up well against his more matured opponents.

England's defence did not come up to expectations. Robinson was rather shaky. Bright had one of his worst days this season and Wilkinson was easily the pick of the halves.

Thorburn and Fowler were the only two forwards who showed up well. Gardner, a third division player, found the pace of a representative game too much for him, while Thomas was never in the picture.

LEAGUE MATCHES

Eastern redeemed themselves to a certain extent when they played better soccer to beat Kwong Wah by a solitary goal.

Wong Wah kept goal for Kwong Wah.

Club supplied the second surprise of the weekend when they defeated the weakened South China "B" to register their second victory of the season.

The whole Club team showed great improvement especially the forwards which were strengthened by the return of Bickford, the Interport left-winger.

KOWLOON WIN AGAIN

Continuing in winning vein Kowloon registered their third straight win in beating Royal Navy by three goals to one on Saturday. They are now second to the champions with 13 points and a match in hand.

The Kowloon forwards played with better combination, Santos showing improvement in the leader's berth.

No less than three penalties in the game, in which Royal Scots registered their first win in six matches, against the Police.

Hossack returned to form with a fine "hat-trick" while Duncan was another of the Scots to find his best form.

BAD ACCIDENT

The champions, South China "A", began their second round matches with an easy win over St. Joseph's who, though outplayed, put up a game fight.

A nasty accident occurred in this game when Sammy Tsang, the Saints' keeper, in jumping for a high ball fell and struck his head against the upright. He was sent to hospital for treatment. This injury will rob the Saints of their brilliant goalkeeper.

MACAO FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Leading Teams Win Again

From Our Own Correspondent: MACAO, Dec. 24 — The conclusion of the first round of the Macao Football League during the week-end was marked by further victories for the two leading teams, the Artillery and the Tenebrosos, both eleven displaying brilliant forms against their adversaries.

FIRST MATCH

In the first of these two matches, the Artillery scored a run-away victory by netting five times, while the Police were able to reply only once.

Goal-scorers were Carvalho, who performed the "hat-trick," Veria and Conde for the Artillery, and Joaquin for the Police.

The Artillery were the heavier of the two teams and used their weight to advantage. They were well served by Carvalho, centre forward, whose dashing and, bustling game carried the gunners through the Police defence on several occasions.

SECOND GAME

In the latter game, the Tenebrosos controlled the field throughout the game and piled up six goals against their opponents the Public Works, who retaliated twice through spontaneous movement in the forward line.

BOWLING ALLEYS COMPETITION

In a second round match in the Singles Handicap Competition played in the Bowling Alleys last evening S. A. Ismail, receiving a handicap of plus 25, defeated A. Odell (plus 11) by 506 to 423 pins.

The annual children's sports of the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held on Monday, Jan. 1, at 2 p.m.

The eighth luncheon meeting of the Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, at the Hongkong Hotel. The speaker will be Mr. Theodore Herman, Executive secretary, Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, Hongkong Promotion Committee. His subject will be "One year of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives."

H.K.C.C. JUNIOR TEAM V. K.C.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI on Saturday at the Kowloon Cricket Club ground at 2 p.m.:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, A. T. Dow, J. Hackney, Brigadier T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, T. M. Suter.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—W. Mulcahy, G. A. V. Hall, R. Baldwin, F. J. Lay, S. A. Gray, Taylor, R. Labrum, R. A. J. Simpson, H. Brokenshire, G. W. Giffen and Clarke.

WIN FOR TRUE BLUE

The Sweepstake race of the Royal H.K. Yacht Club sailed yesterday resulted as follows:—

Yacht	Finished	Pos.
True Blue	162157	1
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)		
Jean	162225.5	2
(Col. G. C. Goulland)		
La Linda	162455	3
(Mrs. H. I. Johnstone)		
Gull	162509	4
(Mr. C. O. G. Mills)		
Kittiwake	162908	5
(Mr. E. G. N. Bremner)		

STOOGES DEFEAT WORLD WORKERS TO WIN R.A. CUP POLO COMPETITION

Major R. J. L. Penfold Is Outstanding For Winners

THE FINAL OF THE ROYAL ARTILLERY CUP POLO COMPETITION was played off at Boundary Street yesterday and ended in a win for the STOOGES who beat the WORLD WORKERS by four goals to two in a game that was interesting though not specially fast or exciting.

The Stooges played well as a team and were kept well together by Penfold who was the outstanding player of the side, while Colson brought off some excellent runs and Smith was effective as No. 1.

Bousfield was the stand-out player for the World Workers. He played a hard, tireless sort of game, while Lewis was good in patches and Peters was responsible for some excellent saves.

Capt. W. B. Wilson and Capt. S. Burn umpired and the Cup was presented to the winning team, and the trophies to the players, by Mrs. Peters, wife of Commodore A. M. Peters.

THE PLAY
The first chukker saw the World Workers pressing from the opening bell and within three minutes Lewis scored for them with a nice long shot. The Stooges broke away through a good effort by Smith which however, was foiled by Whitehead who cleared with a neat back-hander. Bousfield then got possession and scored the second for the World Workers within seven minutes of the start.

A 60 yards penalty was awarded the Stooges for crossing. Colson took the hit but shot wide. Apparently a World Workers player crossed the line too soon, for a second hit was allowed, but Colson again shot just outside.

Nicholson then took the ball up in an excellent solo effort but was ridden off by Whitehead. Before the chukker ended however, the Stooges scored their first and the chukker ended two-one in favour of the World Workers, although both sides were playing a scrappy game at the end in which mis-hits were plentiful. The Stooges were warming up and playing better when the bell went.

SECOND CHUKKER

The penalty hit for a crossing by the World Workers at the end of the previous chukker saw Colson taking a 60-yards hit which Smith attempted to hit in, but Peters intercepted and cleared to mid-field.

Play was confined to the centre of the field for some time before Colson got away in a fast dash and, while being ridden off, scored with a particularly difficult back-hand shot from under his opponent's neck.

Brilliant Runs By Van Leeuwen

CLUB AND POLICE DRAW AT RUGGER

The rugby encounter between Club and the Police yesterday at the Valley was somewhat scrappy, but full of interesting play. The score, three all, was fair, the teams being equal in many respects.

Van Leeuwen, for the Club, was outstanding for many brilliant runs.

Leslie played a good game for the Police, who were, generally speaking, mostly on the defensive, while Dr. Taylor was a decided asset to his side.

The first half ended with no score, but shortly after resumption, Charter scored a try for the Club, but failed to convert. Later, Dempsey equalised with a try for the law's guardians. Wall took the kick, but missed by about a foot.

The teams were:—
CLUB:—Walcken; Van Leeuwen, Needham, A. J. G. Taylor, Lavalle, Charter, Thomson; Stout, Salter, Wanklyn; B. Hynes, Benn; Burford, Stoker and Castleton.

POLICE:—Wall; Reynolds, Jenner, Jackson, Taylor; Leslie, Lacombe; Wheeler, Searle, Rose; Gullman, Innes; Lewis, Dempsey and Riddell.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed.

LEADING TEAMS VICTORIOUS IN SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Canadian Chinese Lead In Both Leagues

BY R.O.Y.

Only minor changes took place in both the Men's and Ladies' League tables, as the leading teams registered expected victories in last Sunday's softball programme.

Although the Wildcats beat the Pirates by the convincing margin of 19-11, the Buccaneers put up a dour struggle for five frames and at one stage appeared to have the game well in hand.

The heavier stickwork of the winners made a belated appearance, twelve tallies in the last three stanzas pulling the game out of the fire.

May, Chung, Doris and Lily Mar connected for three safeties apiece, but Gloria Mar topped all three in the batting averages by garnering four bingles. Mrs. Stone starred for the losing squad, playing a grand game in the field and clouting a homer with two aboard. Paddy Seats also hit well and gave an excellent display of hind-swinging.

BADLY OUTCLASSED

The Cardinals were badly outclassed by the Wahos who tallied 32 on 21 hits while the Redbirds were getting 6 on 8 safeties. Going from bad to worse, the losers topped all of their previous poor fielding performances, by booting 18 chances for what is probably a local record.

Therese Noronha turned in her usual steady pitching job for the winners and received adequate support from her team-mates.

EASY VICTORY

The Ball Club battles won without any difficulty, by 13-8, over the Cubs. Both squads committed six Baby Panthers in the field, but the winners collected 13 safeties to the opposition's 8. Thelma Collico and Cynthia Motta formed a sound winning battery, that kept the Cubs few hitters fairly quiet.

With this defeat, the Badly Bruins are still battling the Cardinals for the cellar berth, much to "Papa-bear" Scoop Smith's disappointment.

MINDANAO TROUNCED

Recrelo Aces trounced the Mindanao gang by the wide margin of 17 to 5, after outbidding the losers 20-2. Red Keplinger started on the mound for the sailors, but could not find the plate and was relieved by Davis early in the game.

Eddie and Gerry Gosano took batting honours with four hits apiece, while Nick Beltrao, A. V. Gosano and Mike Mendonca were also in the running with three each.

"Jughead" Cogdill and Keplinger hit for the losers, the former taking the limelight by pulling an unassisted double-killing in the sixth stanza.

LAST INNING RALLY
The International Athletics took Kenny Wong's English Forum gang by 8 markers to 5, after staging a last inning rally that took them to their winning margin from 5-2 down. The Forumers appeared to have the game on ice but staged the proverbial balloon act to finish with 11 errors to their (mis) credit.

19-7 COUNT

The Canadian Chinese breezed in on the long end of a 19-7 count over the Central Britishers. Herbie Quon retired from the mound, after fanning eight in four frames, to give both Denham Cray and G. G. Lee a turn on the slab. Jimmy King surprised the fans by slapping out a couple of bingles that made him the losers' leading batter of the day.

QUITE A BATTLE

The V.R.C. and the Trojans staged quite a battle before the former ran out winners by 19-10. The

change in the score and the final bell went with the Stooges winning by four to two.

THE TEAMS

The Stooges—Major R. J. L. Penfold, Lt. P. Nicholson, Capt. A. F. D. Colson and Lt. B. R. Smith.
World Workers—L. A. Lewis, J. K. Bousfield, Major P. S. Whitehead or Major W. and Commodore A. M. Peters, Major Whitehead, and Major Way played two chukkers each.

BOXING DAY SOCCER AT HOME

LONDON, Dec. 27. (Reuter)—The following were the results of football matches played yesterday.

MIDLAND			
West Brom	3	Birmingham	0
EAST MIDLAND			
Sheffield W.	2	Chesterfield	1
NORTH WESTERN			
Barrow	3	Accrington	3
NORTH EASTERN			
Bradford	3	Halifax	0
SOUTH WESTERN			
Bristol C.	1	Newport	3
Swindon	1	Bristol R.	1
Plymouth	1	Torquay	1
SOUTH "A"			
Clapton	2	Charlton	7
Crystal Pal.	0	Arsenal	3
Millwall	6	Southend	1
Norwich	3	Watford	2
Tottenham	0	West Ham	1
SOUTH "B"			
Aldershot	3	Fulham	3
Bournemouth	2	Reading	1
Chelsea	3	Brighton	2
Queen's P. R.	5	Portsmouth	2
Southampton	2	Brentford	3

BRITISH RED CROSS CHARITY MATCH

Wolves		All British XI	
Barisley	5	Burnley	1
Cardiff	2	Wolverhampton	3
Coventry	8	Notts C.	2
Doncaster	2	Blackburn	1
Everton	2	Liverpool	1
Huddersfield	5	Sheffield U.	0
Hull	0	Grimsby	0
Leeds	4	Bury	4
Lincoln	4	Mansfield	1
Manchester U.	3	Manchester C.	1
Newcastle	1	Middlesbro'	1
Northampton	5	Portvale	1
Notts P.	3	Leicester	1
Oldham	0	Stockport	0
Preston	1	Blackpool	1
Rochdale	2	Crew	2
Rotherham	1	Bradford C.	3
York	3	Carlisle	3
Stoke	1	Bolton	5
Tranmere	8	Chester	3

OTHER MATCHES

Barnsley	5	Burnley	1
Cardiff	2	Wolverhampton	3
Coventry	8	Notts C.	2
Doncaster	2	Blackburn	1
Everton	2	Liverpool	1
Huddersfield	5	Sheffield U.	0
Hull	0	Grimsby	0
Leeds	4	Bury	4
Lincoln	4	Mansfield	1
Manchester U.	3	Manchester C.	1
Newcastle	1	Middlesbro'	1
Northampton	5	Portvale	1
Notts P.	3	Leicester	1
Oldham	0	Stockport	0
Preston	1	Blackpool	1
Rochdale	2	Crew	2
Rotherham	1	Bradford C.	3
York	3	Carlisle	3
Stoke	1	Bolton	5
Tranmere	8	Chester	3

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
GOLF.—Railway and Ross. Cups, second round.
RACING.—Auction of ponies at Jockey Club Paddock, 515 p.m.
TOMORROW
BADMINTON.—Mixed Doubles, Recrelo v. St. John's; Takko v. University.

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"ETERNALLY YOURS" OPEN AT KING'S TODAY

One of the most novel methods yet employed for introducing a screen character was devised by Director Tay Garnett for presenting Loretta Young, feminine star of Walter Wanger's "Eternally Yours," the new comedy romance which will have its premiere showing at the King's Theatre today.

Miss Young plays the role of wife and assistant to "the Great Arturo," a master magician, in the new film and as the theatrical David Niven, the magician, is engaged in "creating a woman."

Weaving in and out among his array of chemical bottles and mysterious magic laboratory devices Niven explains the evolution of his illusion giving romantic names to each chemical he uses in "creating a woman."

The cast features Hugh Herbert, Billie Burke, C. Aubrey Smith, Virginia Field and Broderick Crawford.

"BABES IN ARMS" A BIG HIT IN SHANGHAI

Straight from his successes in the Hardy Family series of pictures, Mickey Rooney ascends to even greater heights in the film version of "Babes in Arms," the successful stage play which was the rage of Broadway during its record-breaking run there recently.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have made a startling success of the play which will be brought before the Hongkong public shortly, with new film and as the theatrical Judy Garland and Charles Winninger opposite the inimitable Mickey. These three names alone are sufficient indication of the quality of humour packed into his delightful musical show.

"Babes in Arms" has just completed a record run in Shanghai, bringing new honours to Mickey and Judy, according to a telegram just received in Hongkong by the local M-G-M. manager from the chief of his Shanghai headquarters. The telegram reads "Babes in Arms" completed a record run

Shanghai bringing new honours to Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. The picture should be equally successful in Hongkong.

COMING EVENTS

DEC.
28—Tides: High 11:23 a.m. and 10:17 p.m. Low 4:53 a.m. and 3:41 p.m. Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.; Sunset: 5:47 p.m.
Sale of Race Ponies at Jockey Club Paddock, Race Course, 5:15 p.m.
Cheero Club, Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Althea K. Wu on the Social customs of tribes in Sinkiang.
Golf—Reulway and Ross Cups—Second Round.
Ladies' Bible Study, 216, Nathan Road, 10:30 a.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 8:30 p.m.
H.K. Philatelic Society Mtg., S.C. M.P. Office, 5:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship, 2:30 p.m.
Busy Bees, Knitting and Handbag-Making, Central Fire Station, 9:30 a.m.
R.N.V. Police Recreation Room, Whist Drive, 8:30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Games Morning, 10 a.m. Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), St. Andrew's Hall, 4:30 p.m.
29—Tides: High 12:08 p.m. and 11:04 p.m. Low 5:55 a.m. and 4:27 p.m. Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.; Sunset: 5:48 p.m.
China Light and Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.
Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8:30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Games Morning, 10 a.m. Cheero Club, Parts, Ping-Pong and Billiards.
Sino-American Inst. of Cultural Relations, 8th Luncheon Meeting at H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Theodore Herman on "One Year of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives."
Second Battalion, Royal Scots, Children's Party at San Wai Camp, Fanning.
St. John's Cathedral Hall, Volunteer Nursing Detachment—Lecture on First Aid, 5:30 p.m.
Helena May Inst. Christian Fellowship Mtg., 10:30 a.m.
The H. Chater Room, St. Andrew's, 6:45 p.m.
Catholic Cathedral, Solemn Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
30—Tides: High 12:56 p.m. and 11:55 p.m. Low 6:17 a.m. and 5:17 p.m. Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.; Sunset: 5:48 p.m.
Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.
R.A.M.C. Assn. Grand Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8:30 p.m.
Institute of Business Administration, English Forum (Chinese) Christmas Party at Metropole Hotel, 8 p.m.
31—Tides: High 1:45 p.m.; Low 7:01 a.m. and 6:14 p.m. Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.; Sunset: 5:49 p.m. New Year's Eve.
Ritual Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.
Football Shield, First Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

"GOD'S COUNTRY & THE WOMAN" AT MAJESTIC

Warner Bros. who gave talking pictures to the world, invented the screen musical and created the vogue for film biographies, have done it again.

This time they have taken Technicolor and made it natural. The result is an almost unbelievably beautiful production of James Oliver Curwood's famous novel "God's Country and the Woman" which opens at the Majestic Theatre today.

Taking his cast, headed by George Brent and Beverly Roberts in the great woods district of Washington, Director William Keighley transferred the thrilling romance and stirring action of the novel to the screen.

The millions who have delighted in the novel will get an entirely new thrill when they see this picture, for the colour photography is far more beautiful and natural than anything ever filmed and the director and players, including hundreds of real lumberjacks used in the melee, have caught the spirit of the book and become, not merely competent actors, but living personifications of the author's characters.

Others in the cast whose work is outstanding are Alan Hale, Vic Pote, Roscoe Ates, El Brendel, and Billy Bevan.

SUMMONED BEFORE SOVIET TRIBUNAL

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The official newspaper Pravda yesterday contained a long list of names of officials and work managers who have been called upon to appear before the Peoples Tribunal to answer charges of failure to maintain production levels.

Shanghai bringing new honours to Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. The picture should be equally successful in Hongkong.

Mystery Over Authorship Of Quotation Used By The King In Christmas Message

ALLEGED FIND IN DEAD MAN'S EFFECTS

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—MUCH INTEREST AND CURIOSITY HAS BEEN AROUSED REGARDING THE ORIGIN AND AUTHORSHIP OF THE QUOTATION WITH WHICH THE KING CONCLUDED HIS CHRISTMAS BROADCAST.

THE QUOTATION

It will be recalled that His Majesty said: "Meanwhile, I feel we may all find a message of encouragement in the line: I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, give me light: that I may tread safely into the unknown, and he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light.'"

A number of literary authorities, including the Poet Laureate, John Masefield, when approached, declared that they had no knowledge of the author.

PARTLY SOLVED

The mystery was partly solved by Mrs. J. C. M. Allen, of Bristol, who states: "The quotation was found on a postcard among a dead man's effects. I don't know who wrote the original, but I sent the quotation in a letter to The Times in the dark days of September as a message of encouragement and I presume the King must have seen it."

CHINA MORE UNITED

ADM. YARNELL'S VIEW

BOSTON, Dec. 11 (Havas by Air Airmail).—Rear-Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, who recently retired from the United States Navy after a long period as Commander of the Asiatic Fleet, is of the opinion that the bombing of Chinese cities

NATIONAL RESOURCES OF JAPAN

REPLENISHMENT URGED IN SPEECH BY EMPEROR

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—"The urgent necessity for effecting stabilisation in East Asia by replenishing Japan's national resources in the face of the extremely complex international situation," was stressed by the Emperor in his Speech from the Throne to the Diet.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS

The Emperor expressed satisfaction with the growing friendly relations between Japan and the countries with which she had treaties and added that he was gratified with the fighting services progress in China.

German Allegations Answered

R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The air was calm throughout Christmas, as bad visibility kept aircraft grounded.

LATEST FIGURES

The latest figures of British casualties recently published were the subject of comment by a War Office spokesman, who said that they effectively answered the German allegations that France was bearing the brunt of the war and that Britain was doing nothing.

News of the Australian Air Squadron's arrival in Britain was received with enthusiasm in France.

"has done more to unify China than any other one thing." "The present conflict in the Far East," Admiral Yarnell said, in a special press interview, "seems to be stalemated and has boiled down to a war of endurance."

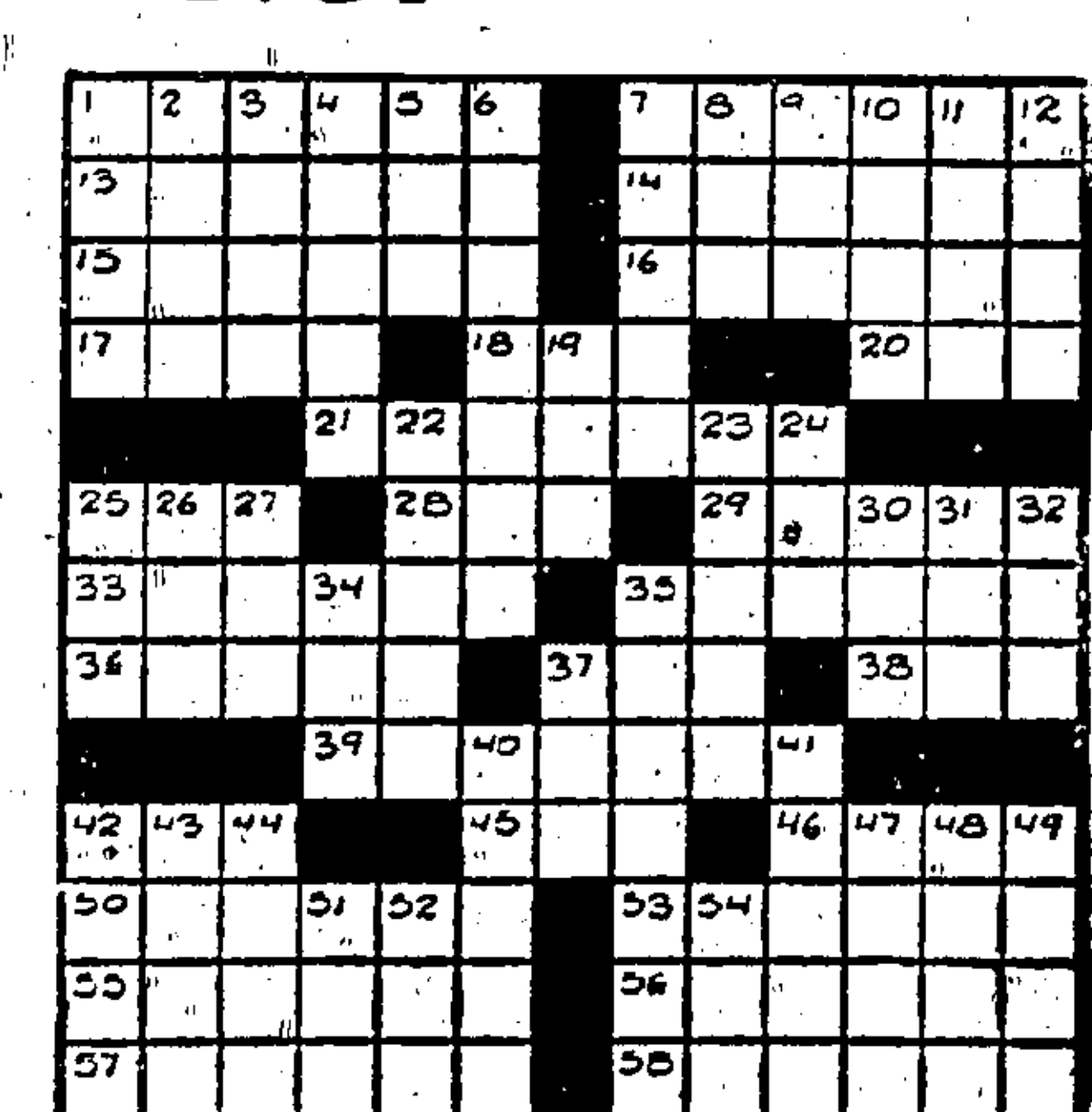
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- 13 One who runs off with a lover
- 14 Crescent-shaped
- 15 A nine days' devotion
- 16 Public storehouses
- 17 Horned animal
- 18 Total
- 20 Bitter vetch
- 21 Ill-natured
- 25 Winged part
- 28 Exist
- 29 Mistake
- 33 Ecclesiastical representative
- 35 Spurious
- 36 Musical instrument
- 37 Cooking utensil
- 38 School of whales
- 39 Ardent
- 42 Roman goddess of the harvest
- 45 Silkworm
- 46 Depend on
- 50 Main cabin on a steamship
- 53 Pineapple
- 55 Ploughed land (pl.)
- 56 Re-measure the speed of
- 57 Regard with awe
- 58 Evergreen tree

DOWN

- 1 Rip
- 2 Plant of the lily family



- 3 Change position
- 4 Musical drama
- 5 Japanese coin
- 6 Obliteration
- 7 Fragrant oleoresin
- 8 Hard-shelled fruit
- 9 Literary collection
- 10 Narrow
- 11 woven band
- 12 Roman road
- 13 Tax in Ireland
- 19 Utilise
- 22 Conductor's wand
- 23 Sleeveless garments
- 24 Before
- 25 Lofly mountain
- 28 Hawaiian wreath
- 27 Turkish commander
- 30 Floor
- 31 Room in a harem
- 32 Gipsy husband
- 34 Cuckoo
- 35 Small dagger
- 37 Through
- 40 Taut
- 41 Muse of amatory poetry
- 42 Ridges
- 43 Out the outer part from
- 44 Member of an Aryan race
- 47 Feminine name
- 48 Monk of Tibet
- 49 River in France and Belgium
- 51 Poem
- 52 Rowing implement
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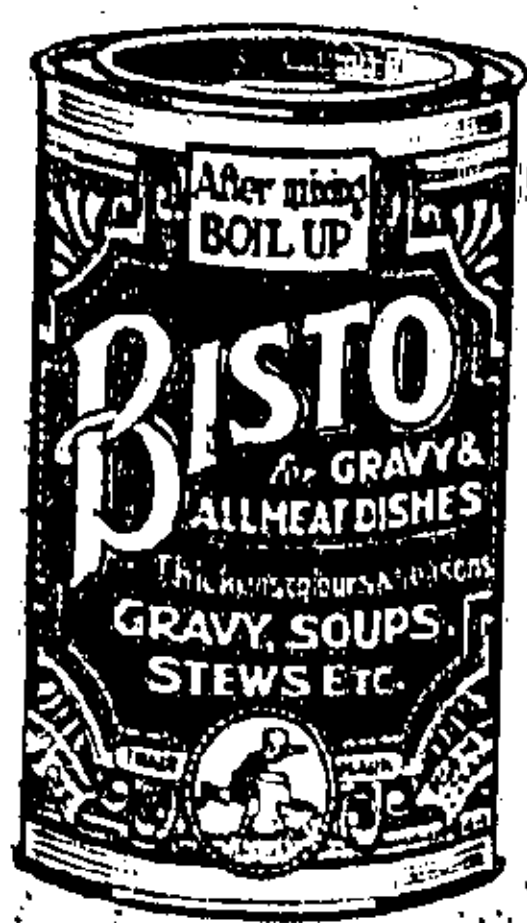
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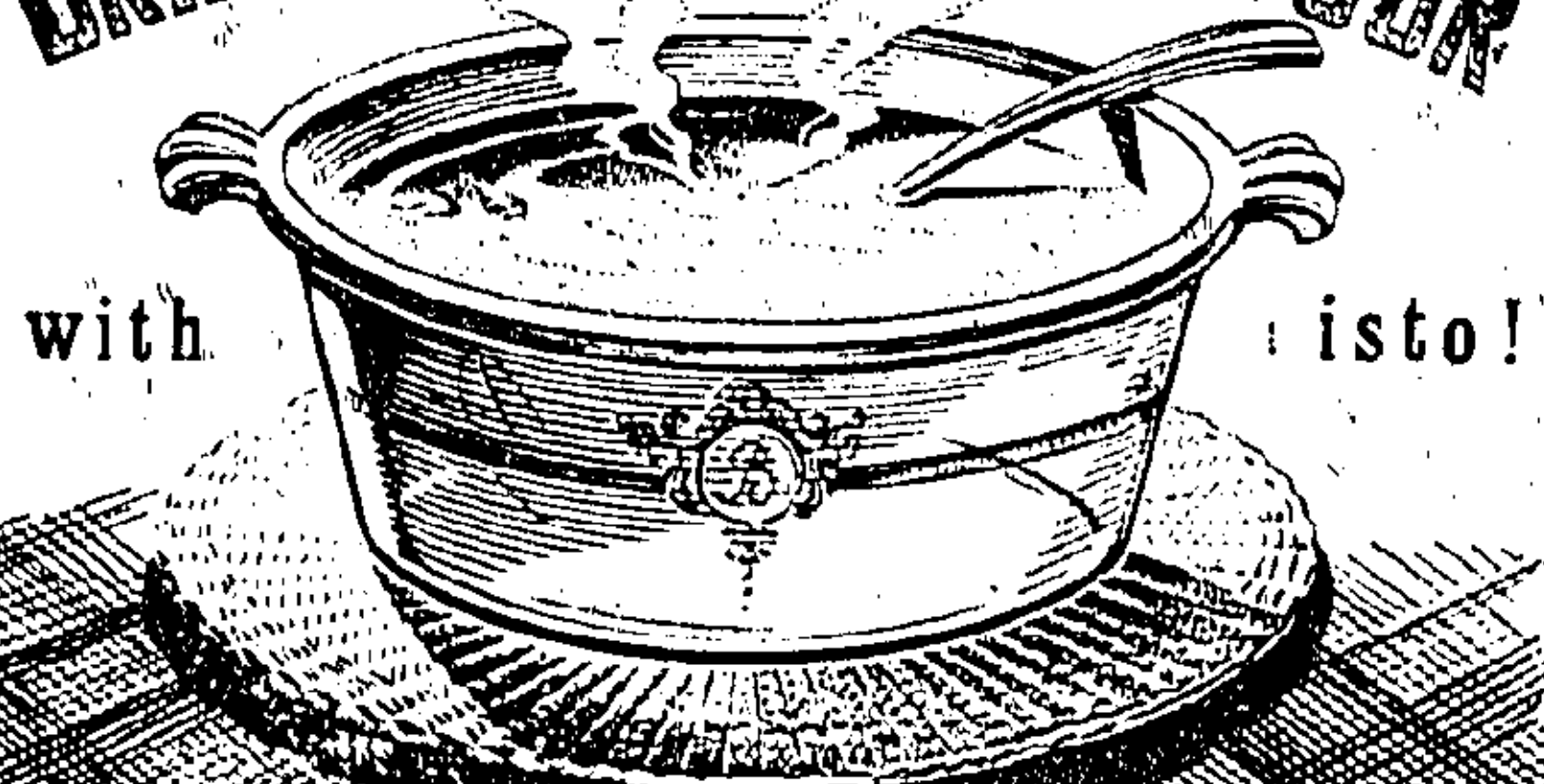
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U.S. Ships For Norwegian Registry

APPLICATION TO SELL 8 VESSELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The United States Lines will forward an application to the Marine Commission for permission to sell eight vessels to a Norwegian firm the North Atlantic Transport Company thus transferring them to the Norwegian Registry.

If the application is approved, the ships will be operated between New York, London and Liverpool.

It is recalled that the American firm previously sought to transfer ships to the Panama flag, but withdrew the application.

S'HAH SHOOTING INCIDENT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central)—Two were killed and one was wounded in another shooting incident at Connaught Road, in western Shanghai, on Christmas night, according to a Shanghai report.

The shooting took place when the guests of a newly opened drug store were leaving after a celebration dinner party. One of the guests Koo Kuo-ching was killed instantly.

Another, Li Fu-ling was fatally wounded and succumbed at the Paulun Hospital. An apprentice of the drug store, Han Shih-shing, suffered a slight wound in the left thigh.

It is believed that Koo Kuo-ching was the real target of the attack.

FRONTIER COMMISSION CONCLUDES

SOVIET-JAPANESE DISCUSSIONS

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—After eight meetings in Chita, the joint Soviet-Japanese-Mongolian-Manchukuoan Frontier Commission concluded its discussions after laying the foundation for a settlement on Jan. 1, when the same Commission will be convened at Harbin.

It is stated that it was agreed that the frontier points will then be charted on a map.

The opening session at Harbin will coincide with the arrival of the Japanese Trade Commission to Moscow for conferences with the Foreign Commissar, M. Mikoyan.

REPRESENTATIVE OF FAR EAST STUDENT FUND IN KWEIYANG

KWEIYANG, Dec. 27 (Central)—An enthusiastic welcome was extended by local student bodies to Mr. Paul Moritz, representative of the Far Eastern Student Service Fund, who arrived here from Chungking last Monday.

Interviewed, Mr. Moritz expressed admiration for the calmness of the Chinese students and civilians who study and work as usual under the daily menace of Japanese planes.

Mr. Moritz will return to Chungking after a week's stay here.

INCREASED AID

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (C. & U.)—In spite of the European war, every effort is being made by American students to continue and increase aid financial and otherwise, to Chinese students, asserted Mr. Paul Moritz, representative of the Far Eastern Student Service Fund, who is on an extended trip to Free China.

In the past two years, between \$275,000 and \$300,000, has been collected for relief purposes in China by the F.E.S.S.F., which is composed of a number of the most important student groups in America, including the International Student Service, the American Student Union, the National Student Federation of America, the United Student Peace Committee, church groups and other movements.

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The British steamer Stanholme (2,473 tons) was sunk without warning by a U-boat yesterday off the West Coast with the loss of fourteen lives. Ten of the survivors were injured.

CELEBRATING XMAS

The ship left port two hours earlier and the crew were celebrating Christmas below decks when a terrific explosion occurred and the ship began to sink immediately.

The death roll includes the Chief Engineer, who was drowned through efforts to assist his wife who was on board and saved.

The U-boat was sighted by a deckhand too late to raise an effective alarm.

TWO SUBMARINES

One survivor declared that he saw two submarines. They had no warning and there was no time to launch the lifeboats. The crew jumped overboard and some managed to get on a small raft from which they were rescued later.

LONDON GAZETTE

NOVEMBER 30

R.N.
Wdr. Lieut. A. W. Coules placed on Retd. List (Nov. 22); Cd. Wdr. W. English to be Wdr. Lieut. (Nov. 22); Wdr. Wdr. A. G. Barrett to be Cd. Wdr. (Nov. 22).

DECEMBER 1

R.M.
In pursuance of his Majesty's pleasure, Col. Comdt. (Temp. Brig.) R. G. A. Gumpke has been appointed a Royal Marine Aide-Camp to the King in place of Col. Comdt. (Temp. Brig.) A. L. Forster, D.S.O., promoted to Maj.-Gen. (Dec. 1); Col. Comdt. (Temp. Brig.) A. L. Forster, D.S.O., to be Maj.-Gen. (Dec. 1); Col. Sec. Comdt. G. H. Seath, D.S.O., to be Col. Comdt. (Temp. Brig.) (Dec. 1); Lt.-Col. N. E. Jolly to be Col. Sec. Comdt. (with seniority as Col. Sec. Comdt. (Dec. 1); Maj. G. S. Hayman (Bkmr.) to be Lt.-Col. (Bkmr.) (Dec. 1); Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. C. R. W. Lamplough, D.S.O., to be Lt.-Col. (Dec. 1); Capt. J. C. Westall to be Maj. (Dec. 1); Lt. F. Burton to be Capt. (Dec. 1); Gen. Sir W. W. Godfrey, K.C.B., C.M.G., is placed on the Retd. List at own request (Oct. 2).

R.N.

Lieuts. (E) to be Lieut.-Comdr. (E):—H. H. Finch-Dawson, A. B. Chibnall, G. M. Robins, E. D. Michell, E. S. Storer, V. St. C. L. Magniac, E. H. D. Williams, C. R. Sackgrove, J. M. Davies, E. M. A. E. Holmanby (Dec. 1).

DECEMBER 2

R.N.
Surgn. Lieut.-Comdr. W. R. S. Panckridge, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be Surgn. Comdr. (Dec. 2); Surgn. Lieut. G. D. Wedd, M.B., B.Ch., to be Surgn. Lieut.-Comdr. (Sept. 20).
Supplement to the London Gazette of Friday, December 1.

WAR OFFICE, DEC. 12
Col. (Temp. Brig.) T. Preston, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., A. is apptd. A.D.C. to the King (Add'l) (Nov. 14); vice Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) the Earl of Ellesmere, M.C., late Milia, who has attained the age limit for his appt.

REGULAR ARMY
Col. P. L. Vining is placed on the h.p. list (Oct. 1); Col. P. L. Vining is restored to full pay (Oct. 13); Lt.-Col. G. R. P. Roupell, V.C., from Unempld. List (date E. Surrey R.) to be Col. (Aug. 27), with seniority Dec. 21, 1938. (Substituted for the notice in the Gazette of Nov. 3).

COMMANDS AND STAFF
The follg. appts. are made:—Maj.-Gen. R. J. Collins, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Comdt. (Nov. 30); Maj.-Gen. B. C. T. Paget, D.S.O., M.C., from Comdt. to be Comdr. (Nov. 30).

INFANTRY
Suffolk R.—Lt. L. Field to be Capt. (Dec. 12).

E. Surrey R.—Capt. D. F. Orme to be Maj. (June 25).

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS
Lt.-Col. (Mechst. Off.) A. F. W. Bateman, M.C., having attained the age limit for retirement is placed on ret. pay (Dec. 13).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS
Emergency Commission.—Lt. C. F. C. White relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health (Dec. 13).

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE
Staff Nurses to be Sisters:—Miss U. N. Sheehan (Sept. 20); Miss B. J. Taylor (Oct. 3); Miss M. A. Martin (Oct. 10) (with seniority next below Miss G. R. Walter); Miss M. R. Terry (Oct. 12); Miss R. A. Coombe (Oct. 24); Miss C. Smyth, Miss H. M. Flanagan, Miss M. J. Scannell, Miss R. J. C. B. Bromley, Miss S. D. G. Baker (Nov. 1).

The follg. provl. Staff Nurses are confirmed in their appts.:—Miss M. J. Sheehan, Miss D. F. Higgs, Miss L. M. Carter, Miss J. M. R. Murray, Miss B. N. Hughes, Miss V. K. Holden, Miss M. K. Howley.

Prov'l. Staff Nurse Miss H. M. Smith resigns her appt. (Nov. 30).
MEMORANDA
Maj. H. J. Mortimer, M.C., R.A., is granted the local rank of Lt.-Col. while spec. empld. (June 22); Capt. I. B. C. Rose (late Gren. G'ds.) to be Bt. Maj. (Rank 1).

AUSTRALIA TO OPEN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Havas)—It is officially announced that Australia will soon be opening a Legation here. The first Minister to the U.S.A. will be the Hon. Richard Gardiner Casey, D.S.O., M.C., at present Minister of the Treasury.

Hitler's Tour Of Western Front

PROMOTIONS AND GIFTS FOR TROOPS

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—In the course of its announcement of Herr Hitler's Christmas with his troops on the Western Front, the Official News Agency says that on his tour to the hills of Spichern, the Fuehrer crossed the frontier and promoted the captain commanding the sector to the rank of Major.

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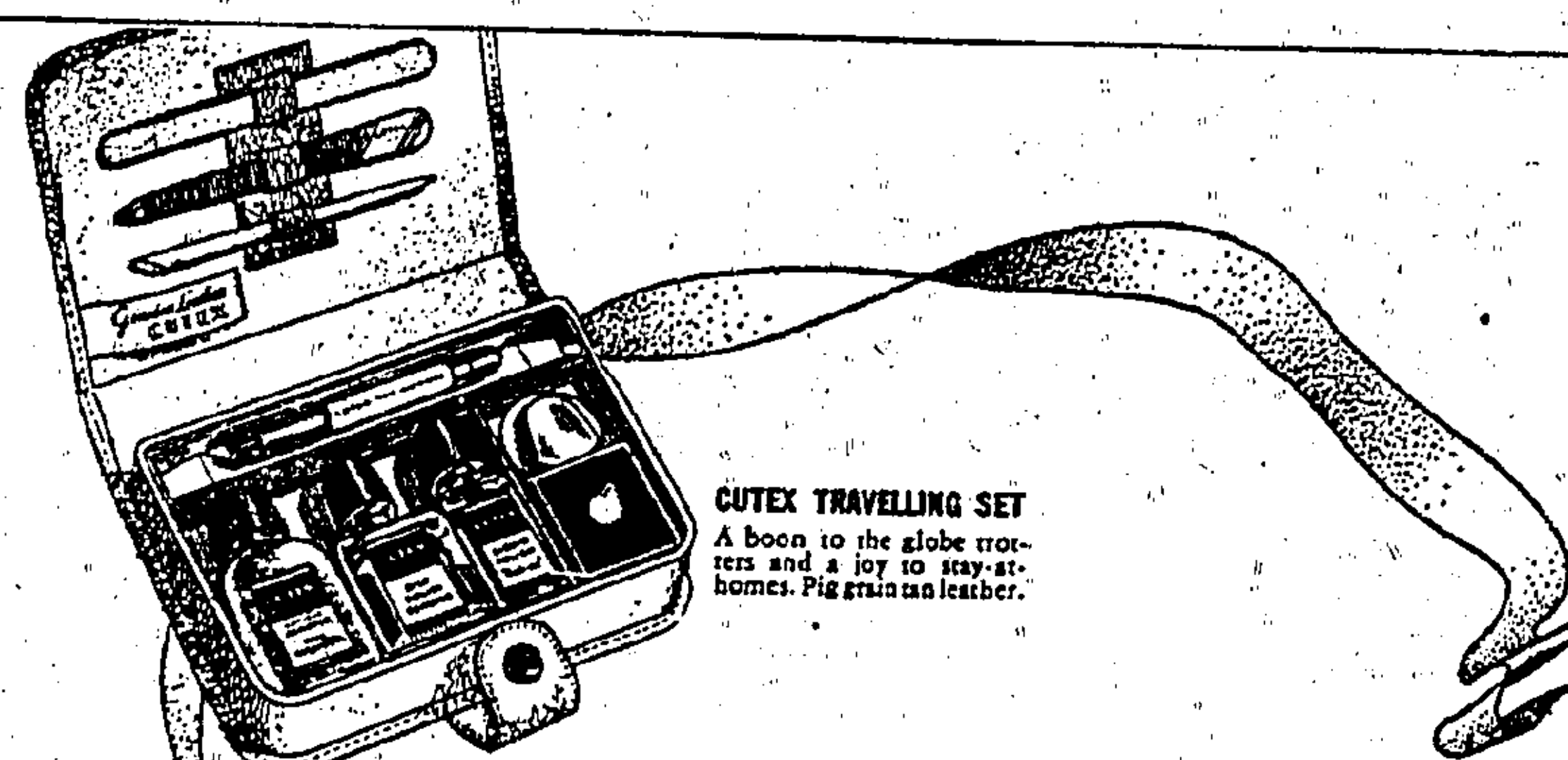
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INDIAN P. C. CONVICTED FOR AIDING CHINESE INTERNEES TO ESCAPE

Sentence of nine months' imprisonment was passed at Kowloon Court by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday on Ghulam Hussain, 26, a police constable, convicted of having aided and abetted the escape of two Chinese soldiers from Matachung Internment Camp on the night of Dec. 18.

The two soldiers, who claimed they had paid respectively \$15 and \$9 to the defendant to permit them to pass through the main gate at 2.30 a.m. on the night of Dec. 18, both turned King's evidence against the Indian constable.

BRIEF LIBERTY

They had experienced a very brief spell of liberty, having been recognised by another Indian constable and re-arrested only a half hour after they had gained their liberty.

Insp. H. E. Rogers told the Court that he would first apply for withdrawal of the escape charges against Ko Kwok-kong and Yeung Wah-leung, the two internees, as he had been instructed to do so on condition they would agree to turn King's evidence.

The two men, Insp. Rogers said, were seen at 3.15 a.m. on Dec. 16 by a police constable who was on duty at Tam Kun Road, near Boundary Street. Having been on duty previously at the camp, the constable immediately recognised them as internees and arrested them.

The men were brought to Kowloon City Police Station, where they admitted that they were internees but did not state how they managed to escape.

LATER INQUIRIES

Later inquiries revealed that on Dec. 14, the two had arranged with the Indian constable at the main gate that on the following day, on payment of certain sums of money, he would let them pass through.

The two men were seen passing out by three Indian constables from various observation posts about the Camp.

Giving evidence, Ko Kwok-kong told the Court he had been in the camp for the past 10 months. He had agreed to pay the defendant \$15 if he would let him pass out through the gate, and, with Yeung, on the night of Dec. 15, he had waited in the Y.M.C.A. hut close to the main gate in the hope of an opportunity to escape.

They were found in the hut, however, by a police sergeant, and were chased away to their proper quarters. On the following day, witness said, he met defendant, who asked him why he had been so clumsy the previous night.

On the night of Dec. 18, Ko said, in company with Yeung, he had made his way to the main gate, and he walked out first when defendant had opened it. He gave defendant \$15, and his companion, Yeung, followed him.

EVIDENCE OF ESCAPE

Evidence of the escape was given by an Indian constable, Abdullah, who was on duty at No. 1 Sentry Post on the night of the escape. Witness said about 2.30 a.m. he saw two men approach the gate from the direction of the latrines and pass out after defendant had unlocked the gate. They were quiet, and defendant opened the door only slightly.

Defendant closed the gate quietly after the two had left with little rattling of padlock and keys. When they had passed out, he later approached defendant and asked him who the Chinese were. Defendant told him they were Y.M.C.A. men, and he had been satisfied with this explanation.

Evidence of a similar nature was given by another constable, Ebrahim, who was on duty on the night of the escape at another gate 250 feet away from the main gate. He had seen the constable on duty at the main gate unlock it and let two men out.

Theft Of 71 Watches

CULPRIT SENT TO PRISON

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of a large number of watches from the Sun Company last month, has been solved by the police, following the arrest of an unemployed youth.

CITY COMBED

It was reported to the police on the night of Nov. 30 that 71 watches, valued at \$6,000, had disappeared from the first floor of the Sun Company. The news of the theft was circulated to all police stations and officers were specially set out to comb the city for any signs of the stolen articles.

Two days ago, the police arrested a man named Li Wing, aged 32, and, following investigations, he was charged with breaking into and entering the first floor of the company and stealing the watches, with the aid of others who have not yet been located.

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Court yesterday, charged with the offence, Li Wing was sentenced to six months' hard labour. A further term of six months' imprisonment was also imposed on the defendant for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

COLONY HEALTH

Forty-eight cases of tuberculosis, thirteen cases of dysentery, four cases of small-pox, four cases of diphtheria, one case of enteric fever, one case of chicken-pox and one case of puerperal fever were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 28.

PORTUGUESE RECRUITS "SWORN-IN"

From Our Own Correspondent
MACAO, Dec. 24.—The Artillery Company, of the local Portuguese forces were hosts to a number of distinguished guests on the occasion of the "swearing in" of trained recruits into the Army, at an impressive ceremony held on the Artillery parade ground at Tap-seac.

Among those who watched the ceremony were H. E. the Governor of Macao, Dr. Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, who was accompanied by his A. D. C. Comm. Sanches Miranda, Capt. Fausto Correa (Chief of Staff) and others. Capt. R. P. Cardoso, Artillery commanding officer, directed the parade, assisted by Lt. Lage, Lt. Leitao and Lt. Graca, while Lt. Andrade carried the colours.

OBITUARY

Mr. Edward Munson

The death of Mr. Edward H. Munson, a secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. of China, occurred suddenly in Kunming on December 24. Mr. Munson, whose home was in Shanghai, had been travelling in the interior of China and was en route to Rangoon.

BORN IN U.S.

He was born in Cherokee, Iowa, U.S.A., on Oct. 15, 1887, and after graduation from Grinnell College with honours, went to China as a member of the international staff of the Y.M.C.A. His first post was in Foochow and his leadership developed one of the strongest units of the Y.M.C.A. in China. He later was assigned to national work with special responsibility for the Y.M.C.A. in South China and Hongkong. At various times, he was in charge of the speaking tours of Dr. Sherwood Eddy, Dr. Stanley Jones, and others.

MANY ACTIVITIES

In his younger days, he was an outstanding tennis player and was the winner of many tournaments. He was a member of Rotary and the Masonic order, being Past Master of Foochow Lodge No. 1912, E.C., and was a charter member of the Foochow Y's Men's Club.

Mr. Munson was intimate with many of the leaders in political and business life in China and his judgment and unselfish devotion won the admiration of all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

DEATH OF MR. J.P. ULDERUP

PROMINENT H.K. RESIDENT

The death occurred at the Hongkong Club on Tuesday night of Mr. J. P. Ulderup, principal of the firm of Ulderup and Company, Ice House Street.

The late Mr. Ulderup, who was a well known figure in the Colony, was about 66 years of age. He retired early on Tuesday night, and was found dead by the room boy yesterday morning in his room at the Club.

The deceased first arrived in Hongkong 42 years ago from Denmark. He later left the Colony to join other establishments in other parts in the Far East. Prior to forming the firm of Ulderup and Company, the late Mr. Ulderup was connected with Messrs. Jensen and Company for many years.

He was a member of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders and also of the Institute of Naval Architects.

He is survived by his widow, who is at present living in Stockholm. The funeral will take place to-day, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

MINES EXPLODE AT CHEUNG CHAU

Two mines are reported to have exploded at Cheung Chau Island on Tuesday morning, some damage being caused to the Cheung Chau Police Station.

The first mine exploded about 1.10 a.m., smashing glass windows in the cooler quarter, and a few minutes later, the second mine exploded, damaging the wall plaster in the room of the officer-in-charge.

British War Organization Fund, H.K.

The British War Organization Fund, Hongkong Branch, has reached the total of \$328,760.82.

The latest list of subscriptions includes \$2,495 from the Gold and Silver Exchange Society, \$1,500 from the Chinese Relief Association, \$1,500 from the China Motor Bus Co., and \$1,000 from the Pass-book Holders of the Asia Co.

Previously Acknowledged \$314,097.23: Annual Bowls Match—St. Andrew's and St. George's Soc's. 55; John Forb's (Monthly) 25; Davies Brooks and Gran (Monthly) 70; Lam Fook Lye (Monthly) 20; D. C. Davis (Monthly) 25; Anonymous 10; Hongkong Hockey Assn. Charity Match 180; Queen's College—Old Boys Assn. 119; Chinese Relief Assn. 1,500; F. L. Lam 100; U. Rumlahn and Co. 20; H. R. Sturt 200; European and Chinese Staff—H.K. and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. (Nov.) 88.73; M. G. Carruthers (Monthly) 30; L. Blair (Monthly) 10; Miss N. W. Bascombe 10; D. W. Hume (Monthly) 10; Anonymous 200; Members of Hongkong Reel Club 300; Golf Prize Winner 51; Passbook Holders of Asia Co. 1,000; Twenty members of Hongkong Electric Co. Staff, 436; K. Schlamm 5; Police Recreation Club 152; Young Tso Yung 100; Swan Culbertson and Fritz 500; Mrs. M. B. Barker 230; S. E. Levy & Co. 500; T. N. Chau 300; Wai Yeung Merchants Assn. 300; Kwong Fat Yuen Hong 100; Chan Siu Hing 100; Chan Leung Yung 25; Lan Ping Chai 100; Hongkong and Kowloon Restaurants and Eating Houses 178; Leung In Tin 157.30; Association of Siuamese 18; Luen Shing 100; Chiu Chau Tin 60; Chiu Sum Tin 60; Fok Kam Chuen 10; Yick Lee 20; Yee On 30; Wai Loi Printing Co. 10; On Fat 20; Kwong Ling 20; Lam Pong 30; Lam Shu Chuen 50; Mrs. Lam Shu Chuen 10; Lam King Tak 10; Lam Ming Tak 10; Lam Woo Tak 10; Lam Yung Tak 10; Choy Lee 20; Li Man 10; H. da Luz 10; Chan Koon Chi 12; Chong Ming Match Factory 30; Tung Sek Kwong 20; Wah Keung Rubber Factory 30; Hing Lee Co. 10; Kwong Cheung 20; Chan Man Kam 20; Yuh Po Wah 5; Yeung Chi Kun 10; Sun Hing Knitting Factory 10; Lo Tung Yu 10; Li Chan 5; Fukien Chamber of Commerce 100; Tsang Hin Hung 20; China Motor Bus Co. 1,500; J. M. Wong 25; Luen Fook Hong Co. Ltd. 200; Gold & Silver Exchange Society 2,495; Chop Sai Hay 30; Choy Ho Ching Wah 20; Wong Kwai Fun 10; Yeung Hong Lok 35; Ko Siu Kon 50; Ng Wai Kun 100; Woo Hang Kam 100; Himly, Ltd. 500; Chan Yin 100; Chan Hon 100; Anonymous 100; Shiu Fung Hong 200; Kwong Chi Ming 20; Yu Fat 30; Chan Son Kee 20; E. L. Taverner (Monthly) 15; S. Hampden Ross 250; Ex-Service 5; Roland Sander 50; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alabaster—December 50; Ladies Committee, Russian Orthodox Church Community 76.21. Total \$328,760.82.

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The hospital supplies are being sent to the British Red Cross and the knitted articles to the Officer-in-Charge, Army Comforts.

ALPHA LAMBDA FRATERNITY

The fifteenth annual dinner dance and Xmas party of the National Alpha Lambda Fraternity of Canton Chapter, was held at the Metropole Hotel yesterday evening, when a large number of members and friends were present.

Mr. Paul Y. Sienx presided whilst Mr. Timothy Mar was the toast master of the evening. The Fraternity, which consists of American returned students came to the Colony since the fall of Canton.



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INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

For lack of sufficient evidence against him, Pang Tak, a Kowloon Motor Bus Company conductor, was discharged yesterday by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen when the case against him on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Kowloon Motor Bus Company was heard at Kowloon Court.

Defendant is one of six conductors who are being charged separately on various counts of embezzlement, conspiracy to defraud, possession of forged bus tickets, and uttering forged bus tickets.

He was arrested on October 28 at the Tsimshatsui Bus Terminus by Det. Sergt. Shaw. He was defended by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

Hearing of the case against Wong Li, another defendant, on charges of conspiracy to defraud, forgery and possession of forged bus tickets was commenced before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday.

CROWN LAND SALES

Two lots were sold at the Crown Land Sales held at the P.W.D. Offices yesterday.

Garden Lot No. 109, situated at Mount Cameron Road, adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 419, comprising an area of about 18,300 square feet, was sold to Mr. G. Van Wylick, agent of Mr. E. Ott, at the upset price of \$915.

Garden Lot No. 110, situated at the north-east of Rural Building Lot No. 397, South Bay Road, Republic Bay, comprising an area of about 6,200 square feet, was sold to Mr. Jose Maria Noronha, of Credit Foncier D'Extreme Orient, for \$350.

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AGITATION FOR RESIGNATION OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT GROWS IN TOKYO

Storm In Diet Bound To Break Out

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Agitation for the resignation of the Government has been started by Japanese political parties.

At a private conference yesterday 250 members of the Lower House passed a resolution that the Cabinet should consider the question of resigning before the resumption of the Diet session on January 21.

Members of five political parties attended the meeting which was played up in most newspapers this morning.

MANY BLUNDERS

The Kokumin Shimbun bluntly declared that sentiment among political parties is that the Cabinet has forfeited the confidence of the nation because of its many blunders. This sentiment, it adds, will intensify.

The Yomiuri Shimbun says: "A storm is bound to break out in the Diet. Opposition to the Government may reach fever pitch at which the Government may find itself stricken."

ACTUAL VISITS

The movement, according to the Asahi Shimbun, is not engineered by political schemers, but has automatically grown out of actual visits paid by Diet members to their constituencies when they saw actual conditions.

Food Control In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—A Peoples Food Re-adjustment Federation has been established by the civic leaders, supported by bankers, to cope with the rice shortage and profiteering and elected many prominent Shanghai leaders to various committee posts.

THE COMMITTEE

Twenty members, including Mr. G. E. Mitchell, Mr. W. J. Keswick, Mr. Chen Tsun-yi and Sir Calder Marshall, were elected members of the Standing Committee, while thirty-four others, including Mr. Yuan Lee-tung and Mr. Tien Tsi-ling were appointed to the Advisory Committee. Yu Ya-ching, Wang Yu-ching, Hsu Chi-ching were elected members of the Purchasing Committee.

The Shanghai Rice Guild has pledged full co-operation.

JAPAN'S FISHERIES AND TRADE DIFFICULTIES

Futile Explanations And "Misunderstandings"

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Japan and Soviet Russia are agreed to have to extend the present temporary Fisheries Pact for one year.

According to the Yomiuri Shimbun, the Foreign Minister informed the Cabinet that "as a result of an exchange of views, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow and the Soviet Foreign Commissar have been approaching each other's viewpoints, but as a measure for the immediate present they have reached a basic understanding for extension of the present temporary Fisheries Pact for one year."

The Foreign Minister is also stated to have reported to the Cabinet that the negotiations with the United States concerning steps to be taken after expiration of the Japan-America Trade Pact were progressing in an amicable atmosphere.

U.S. ATTITUDE

The attitude of the United States towards Japan, he is said to have added, was gradually improving.

Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the United States Ambassador, is reported to have notified Japan that the United States does not desire a state of no treaty.

TOO PREMATURE?

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—A Foreign Office spokesman declared that the Foreign Minister knew nothing bearing out the Yomiuri Shimbun's statements regarding the fisheries and the United States negotiations.

The spokesman considered the Yomiuri Shimbun premature, but declined further discussion, believing that it will merely lead to further misunderstanding, though the correspondent, pointed out that a misunderstanding ap-

BIG BATTLE NEAR LUNGCHOW

JAPANESE DRIVE FAILURE

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The Japanese attempt to reach the French Indo-China border by occupying Lungchow and Chengnankwan ended in disaster, according to Chinese reports received here.

These claim that in a big battle in the vicinity of Yashuitang, on the highway to Indo-China border, south of Lungchow, Chinese forces, after twenty-four hours desperate fighting, have driven the Japanese back.

HEAVY LOSSES

The Japanese are reported to have lost over 1,000 dead and many more wounded.

The same despatches reveal that Japanese infantry, artillery and cavalry units moved to the south-west from Nanning over a week ago along the highway in the direction of Chengnankwan, via the towns of Sulu, Szeh and Minkiang.

After reaching Minkiang, a Japanese column is said to have headed straight to the Indo-China border, south of Lungchow.

OBJECT OF DRIVE

The opinion is expressed here that the Japanese made a desperate drive towards Lungchow, aimed partly to reach Chengnankwan, important terminus railway to Hanoi, and also partly to draw the Chinese forces away from the attack on Nanning. In a statement, state after "a crushing defeat" at Yashuitang, the Japanese retreating eastward, with the Chinese in hot pursuit.

Unpleasant Shock For Germany

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—It is reliably learnt that German diplomats in Moscow received a most unpleasant shock when the Russians recently requested them to deliver to the Red Army the new model of an automatic weapon recently completed in Germany and as yet shrouded in the deepest secrecy.

The request indicated that the Russian Intelligence Service is in possession of sources of information in the highest German military and political spheres.

SWEDEN TO ENTER SOVIET-FINNISH CONFLICT?

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—It is being freely rumoured, though no official sanction for the report is forthcoming, that Sweden is likely soon to enter the Soviet-Finnish war on the side of Finland.

Mannerheim Line Under Terrific Bombardment From Soviet Big Guns: Shells Of Heavy Calibre Used

Planes & Tanks Co-operate In Attack

HELSINKI, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The terrific bombardment of the Mannerheim Line with huge guns, shelling from a range of probably 25 miles, has introduced a new factor into the fighting in Finland.

The violence of the explosions at first gave the impression that bombers high in clouds were dropping thousand-pound bombs, but when two or three of missiles failed to explode and were examined, they proved to be shells of heavy calibre, fired, experts estimated, from at least 25 miles.

The bombardment was concentrated on the Central Sector of the Mannerheim Line. It started on the evening of Christmas Day and was continued all day yesterday at the rate of about forty shells per hour, suggesting that the Soviets have placed in position a battery of heavy guns in front of the Mannerheim Line.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

At the same time, a heavy attack was launched with artillery, tanks and planes co-operating on the Mannerheim Line nearer the coast.

An official Finnish communique states that all attacks were repulsed, some sixty machine-guns captured and numerous tanks immobilised. Seven-hundred Russian dead were counted after the engagement.

The Eastern Front is quiet, with patrol activity, but further north twenty-six Soviet tanks were disabled in a Red Army attack.

BOMBING RAIDS

Helsinki was bombed, as were nearly all coastal ports in the Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Bothnia. It is estimated that at least 400 Soviet planes took part in yesterday's raids spread over a wide area and between 26 and 32 were shot down by Finnish anti-aircraft fire.

The effect of the Soviet raids was negligible, as they were concentrated on towns which had been almost completely evacuated.

FINNISH CLAIM

HELSINKI, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—A Finnish communique claims that during Christmas Day, Finland's Naval and Air Forces destroyed at least 23 Soviet planes, possibly 26. Finnish aircraft suffered no loss.

TIMES ON RED ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Alarming and, doubtless, exaggerated reports, are now beginning to

TURKISH ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central)—M. Eminali Sipahi, Turkish Minister to China, presented his letters of credence to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, at the National Government Headquarters here this morning.

The Turkish envoy was escorted from his residence to the National Government Headquarters by Mr. Liu Ti-fan, Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Office. As M. Sipahi stepped out from his car, a band of the National Government played the Turkish national anthem.

M. Sipahi presented his credentials in the presence of Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and General Lu Chao, Chief of the Military Affairs Department, and Mr. Wei Hual, Chief of the Civil Affairs Department, of the National Government.

In receiving M. Sipahi's credentials, Chairman Lin expressed pleasure and inquired after the health of the Turkish President, General Ismet Inonu.

After the ceremony, tea was served in the reception hall.

COLD WEATHER IN CHINA

KUNMING, Dec. 27 (Central)—Kunming is experiencing the coldest weather in the last few years. The temperature has dropped to 43 degrees of frost. Snow has been falling since Sunday night.

According to a dispatch from Kweiyang severe weather has set in there too. Snow and rain fell yesterday.

SWISS WARNING TO FOREIGN PLANES

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—According to a general staff notice, foreign planes flying over Swiss territory are liable to be fired on without special warning.

CHINA WAR NEWS

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near Wushengkwang on Christmas Day, resulting in heavy losses.

Owing to the disruption of communication on the Peiping-Hankow Railway caused by Chinese sabotage work, the Japanese are utilizing the Sinyang-Yingshan highway for transportation. More than 30 Japanese trucks heavily loaded with supplies moving southwards on the highway on Christmas Day were wrecked by the Chinese in a lightning raid near Sishangho.

IMPORTANT POINTS

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 27 (Central)—Chinese forces have recaptured more strategic points north-west of Yingshan, in North Hupeh, including Yuchiatien, Tien-shihkang, Tsinglungtien, Hinglungtien and Kwantimiao.

They are rapidly converging on Maoping, Siaoohlatien and other points south-east of Sushien. The Japanese have suffered huge losses.

It is reported that a number of Japanese officers and privates in Tsenkiang, on the south bank of the Han River 95 miles above Hankow, have been placed under arrest for plotting a mutiny on Dec. 20. Four officers are said to have been executed and the rest escorted back to Japan for trial.

GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

CHENKIANG, KIANGSI, Dec. 27 (Central)—Chinese guerrilla activity on the Nanning-Yamchow highway shows no relaxation. The highway north and south of Shantung has been completely cut.

DRIVE CHECKED

YINGTAK, Dec. 27 (Central)—The Japanese driving toward Wanglik on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, 16 miles east of Canton and 10 miles southeast of Sheklung, have been repulsed.

Charges and counter-charges are taking place in the Tsungta sector. Japanese aircraft are active. Japanese troops moving out from Samshui on the West River on Monday were driven back.

Japanese and puppet troops in a number of motor boats attempted to land at Samkong, southeast of Sunwui, but were driven back.

"MOFFING UP"

HINGTSEI, SHENSI, Dec. 27 (Central)—Continuing their "mopping up" operations, the Chinese are attacking Henglingkwan, in South Shansi. Some 500 Japanese there have been annihilated. Fighting is also raging north of Hsiashien.

be the objective of the Russian airmen.

Viborg has been the target for repeated air attacks and many houses were destroyed and set on fire.



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Germany Spending 3½ Billion Marks Monthly On The War

BERN, Dec. 27 (Havas)—Germany is spending three-and-a-half billion marks monthly for the war, the Berlin correspondent of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung reports, pointing out that in the world war Germany spent only two-billion marks monthly.

Despite its assurances to the contrary, the German Government is compelled to meet the deficit by taxation.

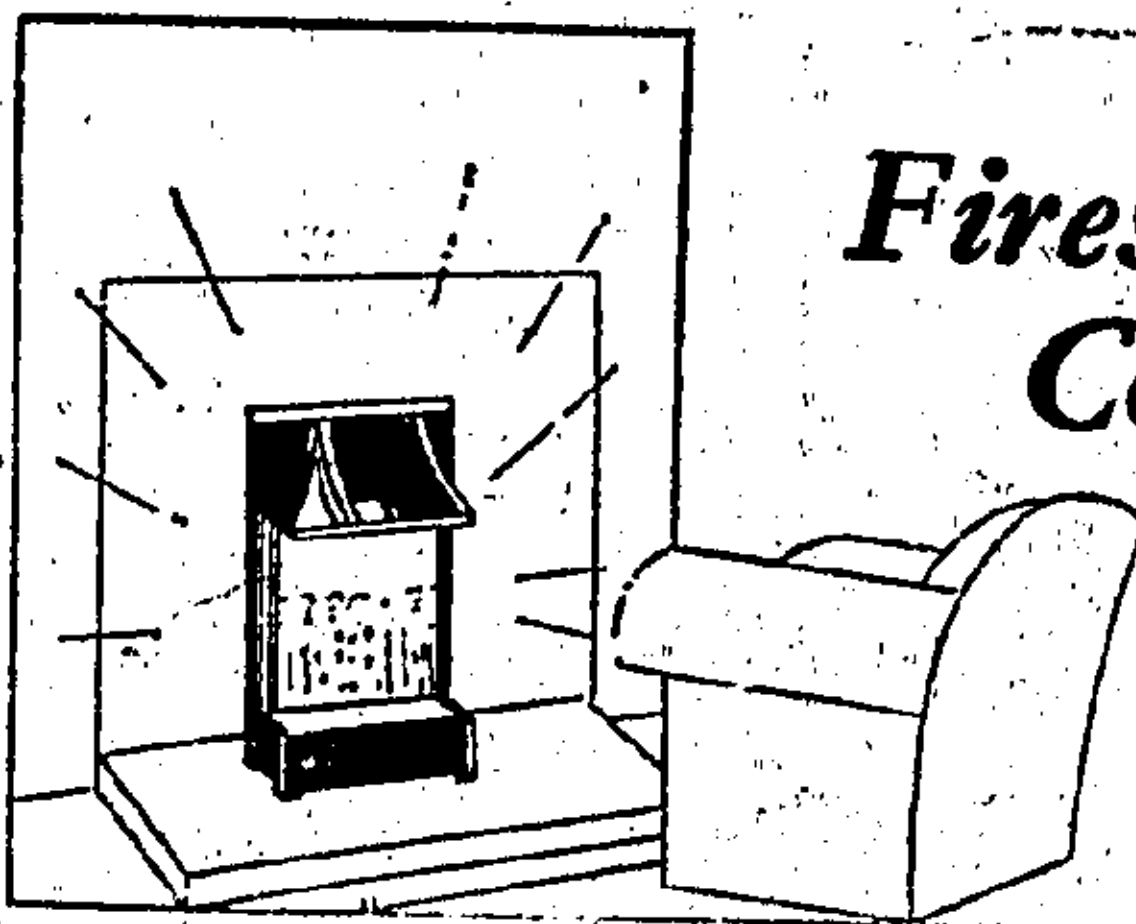
Since the beginning of the hostilities, the tax on corporations has been increased 200 per cent and Income Tax 50 per cent. Furthermore, the tax has been extended to corporations and incomes so far exempted.

High fiscal policy is justified by financial needs, but also by Nazi policy, tending to decrease the people's buying capacity, as no goods are available in the Reich. The correspondent foresees in the near future that the German salaried man will have only enough money to cover his rent and food expenses, while all the other money he is able to get will be transformed into taxes and compulsory loans.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Five British mercantile marine captains and 55 men, who were freed from the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, left in a British steamer.

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Hongkong, December, 1939.

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Saturday the 30th. December 1939 commencing at 11 a.m.

at Godowns No. 15 and 16 of The China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Kennedy Town.

For Account of the Concerned

15 Bales Cotton Yarn
786 Bales Old Newspaper

238 Cases Window Glass

2 Cases Cotton Piece Goods

1 Case Cotton Socks

1 Case Canvas Shoes

1 Case Celluloid Combs

1 Case Flashlight Bulbs

2 Bales Folding Box Board

86 Bags Stone Powder

39 Bundles Matches Sticks

(All More or Less Damaged).

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TODAY

REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council will be held today at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. His Excellency the Governor will preside.

Immediately after the Council meeting, there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee at which supplementary votes totalling \$44,161 will come up for consideration.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following is the Order of Business for the Council meeting:

The Attorney General will move—That the by-laws made by the Urban Council under sections 5 and 6 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, on Dec. 5, 1939, amending the by-laws in the Schedule to that Ordinance under the heading "Sale of Milk generally and Dairies and Milk Shops," be approved.

The Attorney General will move the First reading of—

A Bill to provide for Registration of Dentists.

A Bill to amend the Waterworks Ordinance, 1939.

REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS BILL

The object of this Bill is to repeal the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914, and enactments amending that Ordinance, and to introduce in its stead a comprehensive enactment, based on existing legislation in the Straits Settlements, regulating and controlling the practice of dentistry.

The effect of the Bill is to limit the practice of dentistry, other than tooth extraction, to persons who have been admitted to the register of dentists; clause 7 defines the persons who are entitled to registration and clause 8 prescribes the procedure for admission to the register.

Provision is made in clauses 11 and 12 for issuing annual practising certificates to registered dentists and for publication at the beginning of each year of a list of persons to whom such certificates have been issued.

Penalties are prescribed for practising dentistry without being registered and for falsely taking the name or title of dentist.

Power is given to the Governor in Council to make regulations for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Bill.

WATERWORKS ORD. AMENDMENT

Paragraph (a) of section 5 of the principal Ordinance provides for payment for water charges quarterly, or at such lesser periods as the Water Authority may in any case determine, and for the payment of meter rent annually.

It is considered preferable to fix water rents at quarterly instead of annual rates and collect them quarterly.

This Bill provides accordingly for the repeal of the words in section 5 (a) which make meter rentals an annual charge.

It is intended to bring the new scheme into force on Jan. 1, 1940.

Certain other adjustments will be necessary in the Regulations in the Schedule to the principal Ordinance, but these adjustments will be effected by amending Regulations made under section 29 of that Ordinance.

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

Z On Wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c/s) 21.49
B metres (845 k.c/s) 21.49
W metres (9.52 megacycles).

D'AQUINO AND O'NEIL SHAW FROM THE STUDIO

Children's Hour

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Schubert—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 29.

Kolisch Quartet.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Eric Coates.

A Song Remembered—John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment by Edwin Schneider.

Sigurd Rascher (Saxophone) with Symphony Orchestra cond. by the Composer.

Music of The Night—John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment by Edwin Schneider.

Cinderella—A Phantasy—Eric Coates and Symphony Orch.

1.30 Renter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 "Fats" Waller (Piano and Organ), His Rhythm and Adelaide Hall (Vocal).

Fox-Trots—Skronk; Something Tells Me—"Fats" Waller and His Rhythm with Vocal and Piano by "Fats" 1 Can't Give You Anything But Love (Fields and McHugh); That Old Feeling (Brown and Mercer); Adelaide Hall (Vocal) with "Fats" Waller at the Organ, Fox-Trots—Lost Love; Don't You Know Or Don't You Care—"Fats" Waller and His Rhythm with Vocal and Piano by "Fats" 2.15 Close down.

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2.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 The HM Billie.

That's Gold in Den Thar Hills (Connor and Lisbons); Headin' Home (Him. Here Comes the Band); Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies (Carr); Ole Faithful (Carr).

7.00 London Relay—The Butterfly that Stamped.

One of Kipling's "Just-So" Stories. Produced by Maurice Brown.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

7.45 Studio—Talk by Dr. F. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, "Campaign against Tuberculosis".

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Haskowski—From Foreign Lands—Suite.

Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Clemens Schmalstieg.

8.15 Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Il Sogno ("Manon"—Mascagni); (b) Addio Mignon ("Mignon"—Thomas); (c) Che Gella Manina ("La Boheme"—Puccini) 2. (a) Amore Cantu ("Pagliacci"); (b) Il Pescatore Canto (Toselli); (c) Luba d'estate (Tosti).

8.45 Studio—"News Notes from Home" A talk.

9.05 Reginald Foort at the Organ, Palace Theatre Medley—Intro: She didn't say "yes" (Cat and the Fiddle); Night and Day ("A Gay Divorcee"); You're the cream in my coffee (Hold everything); Anything Goes (from

same); Blue Room (The Girl Friend); Tea for Two (No. No. Nanette)—Reginald Foort (Organ). Seville (Cities of Romance—Haydn Wood); Lullworth Cove (Shadwell)—Reginald Foort (Organ) and B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.25 Dvorak—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World").

The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

10.04 Songs by Nan Maryska (Soprano).

Standchen (Serenade) (R. Strauss); Morgen (To-morrow) (R. Strauss); With piano comp. by Gerald Moore.

10.14 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.

Caprice In G Minor, Op. 1, No. 6 (Paganini-Enesco). Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak-Persinger); La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy-Hartmann); Allegro (Floccia); La Capricieuse (Ries)—with Piano accompaniment.

10.30 Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) in a Light Orchestral Concert.

Tango Habanera (Payan, arr. Hartley); Obstinacion (Fontanilles, arr. Cook); Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra.

Without A Song (film The Prodigious)—Life Is A Dream (film The Prodigious)—Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.

The Juggler (Groltsch); March Of The Caucasian Chief (from "Caucasian Sketches"—Ippolitov-Ivanov)—Joseph Muscant and His Concert Orchestra.

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COUGHS-COLDS 'FLU' and RHEUMATISM



REPORTS to hand indicate a wave of Coughs, Colds, and Influenza. Many people are away from business. How to prevent a serious attack and keep going is the question of the moment. The safe and sure method for quick relief is 'ASPRO'. It smashes up an attack in one night and nips developments in the bud. 'ASPRO' is equally effective for Sore Throat—Sciatica—Neuralgia—Rheumatism—and it speedily reduces feverish temperatures. Furthermore, 'ASPRO' is safe. It does not harm the heart or the stomach. Always take 'ASPRO' according to the directions in the packet.

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23/3/32

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 27, 1939

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1 3/4	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 310	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 103 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 82 1/2	
On demand 82 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 7/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 1/2	
On Peking:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 1:00	
Credits 4 months' sight 1:14 3/4	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 1:08 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 7/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/4	
Bar Silver per oz. 93 5/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged over the holidays, the quotations remaining at 23 5/16 for Ready and 23 1/2 for Forward.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 394 7/8.

Market

Easter. Sterling
There were sellers at 1/2 29/32 December/January and 1/2 7/8 February/March, buyers at 1/2 31/32 for cash and 1/2 29/32 March.

U.S. Dollars
There were sellers at 24 1/2 December and 24 7/16 January, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash and probably 24 1/2 January.

Shanghai Dollars
311.

Shanghai Market
Opened with sellers of Sterling at 4 1/16 for Spot and towards the close sellers were quoted at 4 3/4 for Spot. U.S. opened with sellers for Spot at 7 1/16 and towards the close sellers were quoted at 7 1/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Dec. 27 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates
London 0/4-1/4
New York 6-7/8
Japan 29-1/4
India 23-1/2
Paris 3-11
Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers
Spot 0/4-11/16 0/4-3/4
Dec. 0/4-11/16 0/4-3/4
Jan. 0/4-41/64 0/4-45/64
U.S. Dollars
Spot 37-11/16 37-13/16
Dec. 7-11/16 7-13/16
Jan. 7-9/16 7-11/16
Market—Quiet.

Merchant Rates
Sterling 0/4-23/32
U.S. Dollars 37-3/4
Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 23-1/2 per cent.

New York Exchange
New York, Dec. 26 (Reuter).
T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 394-7/8.

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Dec. 26 (Reuter).
Market—Steady. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver
Ready 60-12
Jan. 3 Settlement 60-12
Feb. 3 Settlement 61-07

NEW YORK SILVER
New York, Dec. 26 (Reuter).
Official Price, 34-3/4.

BOMBAY GOLD
Bombay, Dec. 26 (Reuter).
Rs. Ans. Pile

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CHINA TEXTILE CORPORATION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central).
The Executive Yuan approved yesterday a recommendation of the Ministry of Economic Affairs to organise a China Woollen Textile Corporation, Ltd.

PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, Dec. 26, 1939.

SINGAPORE RUBBER			
Previous close December 26			
Buyers			
Opening Closing Change			
S P O T	38-1/2		
JAN-MARCH	38-3/8	CLOSED	
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2		

LONDON RUBBER			
Previous close, Today's close			
buyer			
Change			
S P O T	11-5/8		
JAN-MARCH	11-5/8	CLOSED	
APRIL-JUNE	11-9/16		

NEW YORK COTTON: Holiday and year-end factors limited trading today but sentiment continued favourable both for the near and longer term trends. Good foreign and domestic trade demand and moderate amount of price-fixing disclosed the scarcity of offerings. The trade expects the tight Spot situation to become more apparent and serious when Spring buying by the mills begins.

NEW YORK RUBBER: There was some small factory demand. Shipments were light and sellers were not pressing. Tire sales for the year are estimated at 30 per cent above those of last year and expansion of 20 per cent tire sales is predicted for 1940.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The diminishing of pressure following early liquidation on reports of moisture in the dry section indicates an improved technical position. There was a good demand from the mills and on short-covering. Heavy flour sales were reported.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.85; Today's close 149.27; Change, off 58.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

New York Cotton			
High	Low	Close	Change
10.89	10.78	10.75	.14 up
19.17	19.13	19.10	.03 up
10.33	10.03	10.23	.14 up
5.01	5.61	5.74	.58 up
15.00	14.97	15.08	.08 off

NEW YORK COTTON			
Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January 10.93/93	10.88/88	11.00/00	.07 up
March 10.75/83	10.82/83	10.89/89	.14 up
May 10.40/41	10.49/49	10.57/58	.17 up
July 10.04/04	10.14/15	10.14/14	.10 up
July (New Contract) 10.24 N	10.35/35	10.35/35	.11 up
October 9.54/54	9.60/60	9.63/63	.09 up
December 9.47/47	9.53/53	9.54 N	.07 up
Spot 11.15 N		11.29 N	.14 up

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each)

Note: January cotton, first notice day:—26/12/39 last notice day:—17/1/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER			
December 20.64/64		20.80/80	.16 up
March 19.10/10	18.95/19.10	19.13/14	.03 up
May 18.85/85	18.75/85	18.85/85	unch.
July 18.65/65	18.70/70	18.55/60	.10 off
September 18.43/43		18.40/45	.03 off

Total sales for the day:—730 tons.

Note: December rubber, last notice day:—27/12/39.

CHICAGO WHEAT			
May 10.23/10.23	10.11/10.11	10.31/10.31	.11 up
July 10.01/10.01	9.98/98	10.11/10.11	.11 up
September 9.97/97	9.98/98	10.01/10.01	.04 up

Saturday's sales:—Unreceived.

WINTER WHEAT			
December 84 b			
May 57 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	.11 up
July 57 1/2		59 1/2	.11 up
September 58 1/2		59 1/2	.11 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March 15.08/08	15.00b/15a	15.00b/04a	.08 off
June 15.36b/40a	15.37/37	15.32/32	.04 off
New York, Official	unquoted	34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.94-7/8	3.94-7/8	

BUSES IN SHANGHAI

Peak-hour traffics are experienced in Shanghai, and although the new single-deck buses have seats for 37, and 12 is supposed to be the limit for standing passengers, they often have to carry 62 people. The double-deckers have 70 seats, and with 12 standing they have a hefty load of 82.

The order for additional vehicles that are now being completed is for nine double-deck vehicles, five single-deck six-wheelers, and four four-wheelers.

From this it will be seen that the China General Omnibus Co., following the experience with 27 vehicles with double- and single-decked bodies, have decided to continue to use the sturdy A. E. C. chassis.

The bodies are built by the bus company in their workshops in China, and it will be seen that they follow the lines of those built in English factories; they are of lightweight construction, aluminium being used extensively so that exceptionally heavy loads may be carried without infringing the road regulations.

U.S. Motor Industry

Pessimistic

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (Havas By Airmail)—The American automobile industry expects a contraction in the volume of export orders, according to an international survey of war conditions, made by the motor companies.

RESTRICTED MARKET

The survey is particularly pessimistic regarding the Far Eastern market, pointing out that "the increasing tightness of Japan's exchange situation, and the fact that Japan controls most points of access to the Chinese mainland, allow little present hope for recovery of the already severely restricted market for American cars in the Far East."

"The few hundreds of cars sold to the Chinese Government, long since shipped, are about the only type of substantial orders that may be expected from the Orient until conditions are more nearly normal there."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

STOCKS		STOCKS	
Last Sale		Last Sale	
Dec. 26		Dec. 26	
Adams Express	8 1/2	Lukey Foundry & Mac.	3 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Mobley-Owens-Ford Glass	51
Allied Stores	87	Lockheed Aircraft	30
Allis Chalmers	39 1/2	Loew's Inc.	36 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	96 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28
Amerasia Corp.		Manhattan Shirt Co.	
Amer. Can.	112 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	40
American Cyanamid B.	32 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	107
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	11	Montgomery Ward	54 1/2
Amer. Gas & Elec.	37 1/2	National Aviation	13 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	20 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	16 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	22 1/2	Nat. Distillers	23
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2	National Gypsum	19 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	16 1/2	National Lead	8 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	50 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	69 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	20	Nat. Supply Corp.	8 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170 1/2	New York Central	18
Amer. Tobacco "B"	85	Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2	N. American Aviation	25 1/2
Anaconda Copper	30 1/2	North American Co.	22
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Co.	24	Northern Pacific	8 1/2
Barnhart Motors	23	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	61 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	37 1/2
Harber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	Pacific Lighting	48 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bendix Aviation	30 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	81 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bliss & Co.	13 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	41 1/2
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Borg-Warner	24 1/2	Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	7 1/2
Biggs Manufacturing	21 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	40
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	13 1/2	Pullman Inc.	31 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	48 1/2	Pure Oil	8
Canadian Pacific R'way	43	Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2
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Celanese	29 1/2	Reading Company, Int. pfd.	48 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	5 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	89 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	23
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	39	Republic Steel	13 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	80 1/2	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	37 1/2
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Columbia S. & A. Co.	85 1/2	Richfield Oil	7 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2	Safeway Stores	47
Com. & Southern (ord)	1 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2
Consolidated Edison	29 1/2	Schenley Distillers \$5 pfd.	83 1/2
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Sears Roebuck	12 1/2
Continental Can	42	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Continental Oil	22 1/2	Socoy-Vacuum Oil	14 1/2
Copperweld Steel	16 1/2	Southern Pacific	33
Corn Products	62 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	33
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2	Sperry	45 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	Speer Manufacturing Co.	34 1/2
Deere & Co.	23 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19	Stand. Gas & Elec.	2
Douglas Aircraft	81 1/2	Standard Oil of California	25
Du Pont de Nemours	179 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	44 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2	Stone & Webster	11 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	29 1/2	Studebaker Com.	9 1/2
Elec. Autolite	37 1/2	Swift International	31
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	58 1/2	Technicolor	12 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	67	Texas Corp.	43 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pfd.	31	Texas Gulf Sulphur	31 1/2
Flintkote	20	Trans-America Co.	8
Gen. American Trans.	55 1/2	20th Cent. Fpx.	12
Gen. Electric	40	20th Cent. Fpx. \$1 1/2 pfd.	24 1/2
Gen. Motors	54 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	88
Gen. Railway Signal	18 1/2	Union Pacific	97
Gen. Tire & Rubber	21 1/2	United Aircraft	15 1/2
Glidden Co.	16 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	19 1/2	United Corp.	2 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pfd.	65	United Corp. \$3 cum pfd.	38 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	23 1/2	United Gas Corp.	18
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2	United Gas Improvement	14 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	26	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24 1/2
Great Western Sugar	28 1/2	U.S. Rubber	40 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	16 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	11 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	89	U.S. Steel	66 1/2
Homestake Mining	59 1/2	Vanadium	33 1/2
International Harvester	60	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int. Nickel	36 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	116 1/2
Johns-Manville	74 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	23 1/2
J. & L. Latham Steel \$7 pfd.	65	Chase National Bank	
Kennecott Copper	38	National City Bank	

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1939		Dec. 27, 1939	
High	Low	High	Low
152.82	151.41	150.11	149.83
25.90	24.14	31.65	31.25
97.07	90.70	24.91	24.91
28.13	24.57	25.05	24.78
64.67	45.59	89.00	88.00
		63.10	63.64

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ENGINEERS MEET IN KUNMING

KUNMING, December 27 (Central)—At the Chinese Engineers' Society's annual meeting important papers on civil, chemical, mechanical, aeronautical and electrical engineering were read.

The members of the Society were guests of honour at a luncheon party given by the Yunnan Textile Mills and the Yao Lunz Electric Works.

In the afternoon session: it was decided to establish three branch offices of the Society at Kweilung, Chengtu and Lanchow. It was also decided to compile a special volume devoted to articles on military engineering.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be held at Chengtu

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 27.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.36 ins.
Temperature, 82 F.
Humidity, 55 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/N.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature, maximum yesterday 88 F.

Temperature, minimum last night 54 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 86.70 ins.

Against an average of 84.00 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.47 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.01 a.m.

4 p.m., December 27.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.27 ins.

Temperature, 63 F.

Humidity, 59 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 86 F.

Minimum temperature, 54 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 28 Dec. 1939 to 3 Jan. 1940

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Time	Days of Week	Time
Thur. 28	11:12	Fri. 29	12:08
Fri. 29	12:17	Sat. 30	12:55
Sat. 30	13:04	Sun. 31	13:47
Sun. 31	13:55	Mon. 1	14:45
Mon. 1	14:50	Tue. 2	15:39
Tue. 2	15:48	Wed. 3	16:30
Wed. 3	16:30		

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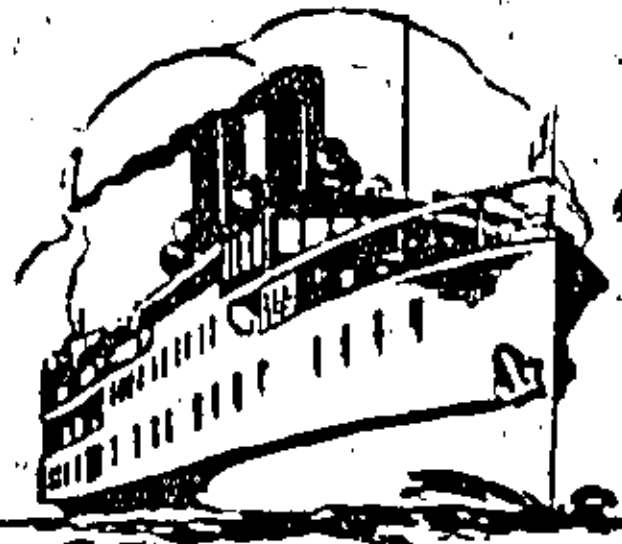
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Activities Of New 4th Army In Kiangnan Districts

In response to the Chinese offensive in Northern Hunan, the New 4th Army in the vicinity of Changchow along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, and the Kiangnan Anti-Japanese Volunteers in the districts of Wushih and Soochow, consistently destroyed railways and highways, and attacked the Japanese troops.

Recently, the guerrillas of the, in ambush, quickly made their preparation for an offensive. When the New 4th Army launched an attack on the enemy in the district of Changchow. The battle lasted one week. Other enemy corps were dispatched to replenish their fighting forces, but they were cut off on the way. They retreated after suffering serious losses. The Japanese casualties amounted to over 500.

Since then, the Chinese guerrillas concentrated their forces in Tungan, Putou and Hsachi near Changchow for another offensive on the Japanese military basis. The Japanese troops had been transferred from Tsuchow and Soochow to strengthen their rear. They attacked the Chinese guerrillas near Yunghu and encountered the latter near Hsachi. Having suffered heavy losses, the enemy were later on supported by air and naval forces, which were put to halt by machine-guns.

QUICK PREPARATION

A part of the Japanese troops stationed in Weichun near Tsungkiang and Kiangning highway accompanied by a number of Chinese workers and over 50 carts, went to a certain place to receive ammunition. They were waylaid by the Chinese guerrillas with the aim of plundering the ammunition. On the third day, the Japanese heard that the Chinese guerrillas lay

COCOON TRADE

The Central China Silk Company has been established by Japan to control cocoon trade in the occupied areas of the Kiangnan districts. Four trucks loaded with cocoons, which were bought by the company, drove back to Wushih. The Kiangnan Anti-Japanese volunteers fired on the trucks near Huachuan. Two Japanese were killed, the rest took to their heels, and left 15 sacks of cocoon and three guns behind.

The Chinese guerrillas destroyed a section over 500 feet near Wangling station along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. This had resulted in the delay of the arrival of train at Soochow.

DEPRESSED CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Aftenbladet states that it was a quiet Christmas throughout Germany and there was no war news except the reported British Christmas Eve air raid.

Her Hitler spent Christmas with one of his staffs at the front, travelling very secretly by armoured train across the strongest guarded railroad. He was expected to return to Berlin after Christmas, but his plans are kept very secret.

POPE'S APPEAL

The Pope's appeal attracted much attention and is arousing hopes of some sort result as the outcome. People in Germany still cherish hopes that something will turn up promising peace instead of real military operations.

MOSCOW - BERLIN AIR SERVICE

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The Soviet and German Governments have concluded a convention to establish a regular mail and passenger air service between Moscow and Berlin, starting on Jan. 3.

MRS. MAO KILLED IN AIR RAID

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Despite denials to the contrary by authoritative Chinese quarters in Chungking, the Shanghai Evening Post, an American daily, still claims that Mrs. Mao, the divorced Madame Chiang Kai-shek, was killed in a Japanese air raid over Chikow on Dec. 12.

The paper claims that local relations of Mrs. Mao received a letter from Fenghua confirming her death stating that she was pinned under tons of debris when the old Chiang mansion collapsed at the force of an explosion.

The Evening Post claims that it obtained confirmation of the report of Mrs. Mao's death on Saturday but withheld publication as Mr. Chiang Ching-kuo, son of Mrs. Mao, was attending her funeral in Fenghua at the time and it was feared that the Japanese might make further raids on the city.

PLIGHT OF CZECH STUDENTS

ZURICH, Dec. 27 (Havas)—Reliable information reaching here depicts the plight of Czech students whom the Germans consider the most active element in national resistance.

It will be recalled that after the demonstrations which marked Czech National Day, hundreds of students were arrested. Twenty of them were shot, those of more than twenty years of age were sent to forced labour camps in Germany, while the younger ones were dismissed from the university and released on condition that they found a job in forty-eight hours.

Many students found work in Prague's hospitals, but the German Protectorate's Administration has now published an order to dismiss them under the pretext that they will thus be able to continue indirectly with their studies.

Mr. Richard Cole, Station Superintendent in the local Imperial Airways office, was removed to the War Memorial Hospital yesterday where he will undergo an operation on his knee which was injured several weeks ago during a football game. Mr. Cole is expected to be in hospital about a month.

After a four-day session, the annual conference of the Chinese Engineers' Society in Kunning was adjourned. A dinner party was held when Mr. Chen Li-fu and Mr. Shen Chun-yi were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Society, respectively. (Central News)

FRENCH ADMIRAL'S MESSAGE

"VICTORY WILL CROWN OUR EFFORTS"

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Havas)—Fleet Admiral Francois Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy, sent the following message to the Fleet.

"After four months of war, I take the opportunity of the coming New Year to express to the Naval Forces my satisfaction at the results obtained through the Fleet's silent perseverance and high sense of duty.

CLOSE CO-OPERATION

"In close co-operation with the valiant British Fleet we assured the integrity of maritime routes which link together parts of the French Empire and which allow our country to rely on world resources thanks to the Merchant marine to which I am happy to pay a tribute.

"I salute the memory of those dead on board warship or naval aircraft and address to all of you my best wishes and an assurance that I am not losing sight of the dangers facing you in the test that war conditions impose on so many.

"The sea defenders of our country and civilization must start this New Year with the certainty that moral forces are invincible and that victory will crown our efforts."

Puppet Police Commissioner Kidnapped

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Chen Chiao-hai, Commissioner of Police at Minghong, was kidnapped on Dec. 18, by a band of twenty armed men, according to an arrival from Minghong.

After the incident, a Japanese detachment followed the kidnappers, but turned back as darkness prevented them from proceeding. It is learned that Chen was once a guerrilla operating in Pootung. He deserted guerrilla ranks and joined the "Water Police" of the Japanese sponsored Municipality of Greater Shanghai.

ITALIAN PLANE CRASH IN FRENCH MOROCCO

CASABLANCA, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Seven bodies were recovered from the Italian plane which crashed in French Morocco and burst into flames. The dead comprised four of the crew and three journalists.

The machine was a mail plane which was inaugurating the Italy-South American Air Line. It crashed in the mountains of Pazar, east of Casablanca and the wreck was discovered by natives.

ROLLED 100 YARDS

A Havas message adds that an investigation showed that the craft was compelled to make a forced landing and rolled 100 yards before crashing head-on into the mountain slope.

The full tank exploded setting the plane on fire.

Chilean Envoy Sees Foreign Minister

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central)—Senor Marin, the Chilean Charge d'Affaires, who arrived here with his wife by plane from Kunning on Dec. 23, called on Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday afternoon when he presented his credentials.

The engagement is announced between Derek Campbell Russell, R.E. son of Mr. E. Campbell Russell, of Lynchburg, Virginia, and the late Mrs. Russell, of Belmont, Surrey, and Maureen, daughter of Mr. F. E. E. Booker, A.S.P., Hongkong Police, and Mrs. Booker, of Hongkong.

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed from Monday, Jan. 8, 1940, to Sunday, Jan. 14, when there will be a short service daily in St. John's Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. The services will be conducted, among others, by the Bishop, the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, the Rev. J. E. Sandbach and the Rev. Frank Short.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

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Shanghai and Amoy.	28th Dec.
Japan.	28th Dec.
Haiphong.	28th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December).	28th Dec.
Shanghai.	28th Dec.
Canton.	28th Dec.
Straits.	28th Dec.
Shanghai.	28th Dec.
Sandakan.	28th Dec.
Shanghai.	28th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai.	28th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 23rd December.	31st Dec.
Shanghai.	31st Dec.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane.	31st Dec.
Shanghai.	31st Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy.	31st Dec.
Straits and Saigon.	31st Dec.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa.	31st Dec.
Japan.	31st Dec.
London and Straits.	31st Dec.
Haiphong, Holhow & Fort Bayard.	31st Dec.
Straits.	1st Jan.
Haiphong and Holhow.	1st Jan.
Shanghai.	1st Jan.
Shanghai.	2nd Jan.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 9th December 1939).	3rd Jan.
Japan.	3rd Jan.
Java and Manila.	3rd Jan.
Straits and Manila.	3rd Jan.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B. C. date 16th December).	4th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai.	4th Jan.
Shanghai.	5th Jan.
Shanghai.	5th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits.	5th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 15th December 1939).	5th Jan.
Japan.	6th Jan.
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FRIDAY	
Bangkok.	Fri. 29th.
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Sandakan.	Ord. 2.45 PM
Parcels only for Tientsin.	Reg. 2.45 PM
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Japan.	1.30 PM
	1.30 PM
	3.30 PM
	K.P.O.
Parcels.	4.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
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Ord.	5.30 PM
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Parcels.	4.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
SATURDAY	
Canton.	Sat. 30th.
	7.15 AM
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane — due Brisbane 16th Jan.	O.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Par. 2.45 PM
	Reg. 2.45 PM
	Ord. 2.45 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels — due London, 6th February.	O.P.O. & K.P.O.
Saigon.	Par. 2.45 PM
Haiphong.	Reg. 2.45 PM
Shanghai.	Ord. 2.45 PM
	10.30 AM
	2.00 PM
	2.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — due London 7th Jan.	O.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 29th January 1940.	O.P.O. & K.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa.	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
SUNDAY	
Shanghai.	Sun. 31st.
Parcels only for Tientsin.	9.00 AM
	9.00 AM

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